



Welcome to the winter edition of **Community Link**. If you would like to send any articles or information for the next newsletter (March 2009 edition) or if you would prefer an electronic copy of the newsletter, please contact me on **01454 868726**, or email: [steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk](mailto:steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk). The deadline for articles is March 1st, 2009. Thank you. Steph Bengry-Howell, Community Development Worker. TC&KFCP, Kingswood Foundation Estate, Britannia Road, Kingswood. BS15 8DB. Don't forget to look at the web site: [www.chasekingsforestcp.org.uk](http://www.chasekingsforestcp.org.uk) ! Email details of your group for the directory, volunteering opportunities & news of community events.

## News

### News from The Chase & Kings Forest Community Project

#### January Members' Lunch

We will be holding another Member's Lunch on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 12-2pm at Downend Folk House Association. The lunch is free and open to **any** voluntary & community groups working in the Chase & Kings Forest areas of South Glos. It provides groups with an opportunity to network with other organisations, celebrate achievements, problem-solve and share working practices. If you would like to attend, please fill in the enclosed booking form, or email me with your details.

#### Funding

If you would like to receive a **Funding Update** by email then let me know, by email or on the number below. These are sent out approximately every 6 weeks, between newsletters.

If you would like to search **Grants Online** (a funding database) to find potential funders for your group, we can make an appointment for you to visit the office.

We also offer **support with funding applications** to small or newly formed groups in the Kingswood, Staple Hill and Cadbury Heath areas. These services are free to groups.

Call Steph on **01454 868726**, or make an appointment by email: [steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk](mailto:steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk)

## Funding Workshops

We are organising 2 x 3 hour workshops for February (provisional dates February 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>). These will be practical sessions, where those attending will complete a funding proposal and fill in a funding application that can be used by their organisations. For more information & to book a place, contact Steph on the number or email address below.

## Kingswood Locality Network

This lunch meeting is for groups working with **children, young people and their families** in the **Kingswood Locality** area. We held the first meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> at The Park Centre, Kingswood. It was attended by representatives from 15 organisations.

What was apparent from this first meeting is the diverse nature of the voluntary & community sector in the Kingswood Locality. From very small, entirely volunteer run groups, to large national charities. This diversity was also reflected in the level of knowledge and involvement in integrated working locally. Some groups had little or no knowledge of how this was working in practice in Kingswood, whilst other groups had a high level of involvement as Lead Professionals or attending CAF panels. It was also clear that a lot of voluntary & community groups are providing a very valuable service to very vulnerable children & young people. A large range of arts & sports activities are provided by the sector. They often provide a service to young people who would not, for example, attend a conventional council-run youth club.

There were some common issues of concern for all of the groups attending, these centred around groups feeling they were not consulted and kept informed by the local authority, leading to a feeling of being quite separate to the local authority. Of particular concern was the fact that there had been no involvement from the voluntary/community sector in the planning of the Locality Hub. These issues will be taken to the next Kingswood Locality Steering Group on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

As well as providing an opportunity for people to keep up to date with what is happening locally, to share their experiences, and to raise their profile locally, these meetings will enable groups to feed in to the Locality Steering group. It was agreed to time the network meetings to coincide with the Locality Steering Group meetings, so the **next one** will be in **March**. If you would like more information about this event or the network, then please contact **Steph** on **01454 868726**, or by email: [steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk](mailto:steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk)

**The Draft 2009-2012 Children and Young People Plan** is available for consultation until 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2009.

**FFI:** <https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/inovem/consult.ti/cypp0912/> Or call: Caroline Churchill on: **01454 863255**, or email: [caroline.churchill@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:caroline.churchill@southglos.gov.uk)

This plan will be discussed at the next Care Forum **South Gloucestershire** Children & Young People Voluntary Sector Network meeting:

*South Gloucestershire Children & Young  
People Voluntary Sector Network*



**The Care Forum**

Thursday, **15<sup>th</sup> January**, 9.45am-12.15pm  
**The Vassall Centre, Gill Avenue, Bristol BS16 2QQ**

Go along to find out the implications of the plan for the voluntary and community sector. Share your views on the plan, what you would like to see included and any changes that would benefit the children, young people and families that you work with. The meeting will hear from Jane Spouse, Deputy Director, Department for Children and Young People, South Gloucestershire Council.

**FFI:** Louise Hudson on: **0117 958 9337**, or email:  
[louisehudson@thecareforum.org.uk](mailto:louisehudson@thecareforum.org.uk)

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The Management Committee from **Kingsmeadow Community Flat** working in Partnership with Knightstone Housing have successfully recruited a Project Worker for the flat. They have lots of activities planned for the New Year @ **19 Barrington Close**, Kingswood. They have teamed up with Bethesda Arts Cafe UK Online Centre to provide **free** computer training sessions. They have 6 PCs linked to the Internet and are holding sessions every:

**Tuesday: 10am- 2pm and 1pm - 4pm.** - Learn how to surf the internet safely, use websites, use a computer.

Other activities planned include a coach trip to Clarkes Village on January 27th, and some healthy eating workshops.

**FFI:** Contact Di Block on: **0117 9098275**

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### **Boyd Valley: a Safer & Stronger Community Public Meeting**

Wednesday **4<sup>th</sup> February**, 7-9pm @ **Marshfield Community Centre**, Hayfield, Marshfield

#### **How could your neighbourhood be improved? What are your priorities for the area? What could be done better?**

Residents of the Boyd Valley are invited to attend this meeting to discuss priorities for their local area. We need to hear from residents about their concerns and any comments they have on where they live. Representatives from South Gloucestershire Council, Police, Fire Service, Parish Councils and key local organisations will be at the meeting.

**FFI:** contact **William Kwok** at South Gloucestershire Council on **01454 863311** or email: [William.Kwok@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:William.Kwok@southglos.gov.uk)

## Staple Hill Youth Cafe

Martin Green reports on a new project at The Sanctuary Church:

Following a lot of hard work, extensive building improvements and some effective fund raising;

PowerHouse Youth Cafe (a community project of The Sanctuary Church) opened at the beginning of September. The plans for this project started in March 2007 when we conducted a survey of young people, parents and local residents who all mentioned the need for a safe



place for young people to go on an evening. The Sanctuary building in Staple Hill had a large space available that could be used for the youth cafe but it needed some extensive building work. Using our research results we contacted local funders and, through a number of funding streams, managed to raise over £10,000. The money was used to improve the building, purchase kitchen equipment, and install computers, TV's etc. This created an area for the young people where they could feel safe and take part in a number of different activities.

Our aim was to ensure the Youth Cafe is accessible to everyone, so we are funded to allow us to keep entry totally free. In fact, the only thing the young people need to pay for is their food and drinks. Everything else from internet computers, Sky TV, video games etc are all FREE to use.

We decided to open without doing any major advertising of the Youth Cafe, as we wanted to ensure we "ironed out" any issues before opening to bigger groups. We have learnt a lot during the first couple of months and in the New Year plan to have a grand opening, which will include access to more areas of the building so we can accommodate different activities during the evening.

We are open every **Monday** from **6:30 - 9:30pm** for young people aged **11 - 18**. Our plan is to help ensure every night in the Staple Hill area has a safe place for young people.

If you want to know more about the Youth Cafe or the other community projects of The Sanctuary church please contact **Martin Green** on **0785 2209037** or e-mail [martingreen@thesanctuarynet.org](mailto:martingreen@thesanctuarynet.org).

## **KINGSWOOD HERITAGE MUSEUM**

Richard Law reports on new developments:

We are looking forward to an interesting period of development over the next few months.

It is hoped that during our closed period in January and the traditionally quiet month of February, that we shall be able to renovate our toilet block to make the facilities better than they are at present. At the same time, we are also giving considerable thought to the layout of our shop, reception and tea room areas. These have long been a source of concern and it is hoped that in the not too distant future, the whole area will be improved to give a much more welcoming feel as you enter the premises.

Longer term projects involve a re-wire of the ground floor and the possible installation of some form of heating, but this will not happen overnight.

The year 2009 marks the 300th anniversary of the birth of William Champion. The design team are working hard on a special new display to celebrate this event, and it is hoped to have a Grand Opening of the new display at some time in the spring. William Champion was the founder of the site which the Museum currently occupies, and he was the first person in this country to introduce an integrated industrial process on one site. To learn more about his life and work, be sure to come and visit the Museum next year.

Those of you who use our web site will notice over the weeks that a lot of changes have been made and indeed there are a lot more still to come. This is an important area of communication and a lot of expertise is being used to make it much more user friendly and informative. It has not been updated for some considerable time and we are taking this opportunity of completely refreshing it. Have a look at it over the next few weeks:

[www.kingswoodmuseum.org.uk](http://www.kingswoodmuseum.org.uk).

and keep coming back to it, it is changing all the time.

Exciting times at Tower Lane. Do pop in and visit us and see how we are getting on. Please see the website for details of our opening hours.

### **The Clocktower Building in Warmley**

Affordable spaces are available to local groups for meetings, training, and workshops. For more information and to book contact Jane on: **0117 9671655** or email: [theclocktowerassociation@btinternet.com](mailto:theclocktowerassociation@btinternet.com)

## **News from the Knowledge, Resource and Information Service (KRIS)**

[www.avon.nhs.uk/kris](http://www.avon.nhs.uk/kris)

### **KRIS at King Square House has moved**

On the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> November the KRIS service (along with the rest of King Square House) moved into new offices at South Plaza (5 minutes walk away) (**BS1 3NX**) The service at King Square House was closed to visitors from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December. The library and information side of the service continued to provide a very limited service during this period.

**The KRIS service at our Southmead base continued to provide a service as normal.**

### **New Leaflets and Posters:**

#### **Bristol Sexual Health Centre credit card**

#### **Bristol Sexual Health Centre postcard**

#### **Bristol Sexual Health Centre poster**

These two cards give information about the new sexual health centre at Central Health Clinic and include information about sexual health check -ups, contraception and pregnancy advice and free treatment for all ages.

#### **Pregnancy and Alcohol**

This booklet from the Department of Health offers information about drinking – when you're trying to conceive, during pregnancy, and while breastfeeding – so you can decide what's best for you and your baby.

#### **Units and you**

A booklet from the Department of Health explains the effect of alcohol on your health and on your social, home and work life. It tells you the number of units in different alcoholic drinks so you can keep tabs on what you're drinking. It also gives useful advice and contact details if you want to cut down or get support.

#### **One25**

One25 is a charity run by women for women who are street-based sex workers, those who are in the process of exiting and those who have now exited. Their services include a van and a foot outreach, a drop in centre for women to visit where they can get food, showers etc

#### **The new HPV vaccine**

This Q&A sheet from the Department of Health gives information to 12-13 year old girls and their parents on the new HPV vaccination

#### **Drinks of Britain – Units they all add up**

This poster shows 19 different alcoholic drinks, their measurements and unit value. Eg: Pint of Cider = 3 Units

#### **New Resources Available for Loan**

### **Salt Kit**

This new resource contains examples of food packaging, each packet has a corresponding container demonstrating the level of salt contained in the product i.e. Pepperoni pizza = 10g salt.

There are no set rules on how you use this resource; it is useful for all ages and abilities. The aim of this pack is to raise awareness of the importance of the amount of salt in the diet as well as to highlight major sources.



### **Sugar Kit**

This updated pack provides an easy means of highlighting the sugar content of various foods. For a typical average portion of each food the amount is measured in teaspoons.

An information sheet and a sheet giving ideas on how sugar can be reduced is enclosed for reference (this may be photocopied) there is also a more extensive list of sugar-containing foods which may be helpful if you wish to extend the range and make up your own containers.

### **Mothering through domestic violence**

Based on findings from six primary research studies carried out by the authors themselves and existing research, this book reveals how undermining mothering – specifically, family courts and social work agencies blaming mothers for their own victimization- plays a key role in locking women into abusive relationships and exacerbating the damage done by domestic violence.

### **Making an impact**

Provides a comprehensive review of recent research and legislation relating to domestic violence and its consequences for children, and identifies the implications for practices. Endorsed by children's charities including the NSPCC and Barnardo's, making an impact enables professionals working with children to develop informed, sophisticated and collaborative child care and protection responses for children who are experiencing domestic violence.

### **Library and Information Resources**

Introductory sessions on how the KRIS service can support you and help make your practice more evidence based covering topics such as the National Library for Health, electronic journals and searching healthcare databases are held at South Plaza. Please phone to book a place.

#### **Do you have a SWIMS library card or an NHS Athens username and password?**

To find out more about how useful these can be to you contact Jason Ovens  
**FFI:** please contact either Wendy Lucking **0117 9595463** [wendy.lucking@nhs.net](mailto:wendy.lucking@nhs.net)  
or Jason Ovens **0117 9002568** [jason.ovens@nhs.net](mailto:jason.ovens@nhs.net)

## Would you like to join a successful organisation working to support voluntary and community groups throughout South Gloucestershire?

**CVS South Gloucestershire** (based in Kingswood, BS15) is looking for new members to join its well established Board of Trustees. If you have an interest in developing the voluntary and community sector we would like to hear from you. Ideally you would have experience in working with the VCS in South Gloucestershire and bring your business and management skills to the table but enthusiasm and commitment are equally valuable! In addition to bi-monthly Board meetings you would be expected to work with other trustees and the Chief Officer to develop aspects of the business plan. Full support in the role of trustee is provided. CVS South Gloucestershire is committed to equality of opportunity in all aspects of our work.

**FFI:** Peter Iles, Chair of Trustees, for an informal chat on **01454 857752**, email [co.ageconcern.southglos@thornet.co.uk](mailto:co.ageconcern.southglos@thornet.co.uk), Or Emma Collier on: **01454 868728**, email: [chiefofficer@cvs-sg.org.uk](mailto:chiefofficer@cvs-sg.org.uk)

**Volunteer Centre Yate** has temporarily moved offices whilst Yate Library is being refurbished over the next year. The **Volunteer Centre**, South Gloucestershire



**Vinvolved** Team (Sarah Colloby) and **Connexions** West of England (Yate office) are now all based at: 19 West Walk, 1st Floor, Yate Shopping Centre, Yate BS37 4AX. The telephone numbers remain the same **01454 324102** for **Yate Volunteer Centre** and **01454 317289** for **Vinvolved**, but the Volunteer Centre has a new email address: [volunteercentreyate@btconnect.com](mailto:volunteercentreyate@btconnect.com)

Anyone interested in volunteering can visit the website:

[www.yatevoluntarylink.org.uk](http://www.yatevoluntarylink.org.uk) or [www.Do-it.org](http://www.Do-it.org) or ring/email the Volunteer Centre to make an appointment to visit for an informal chat. Once the refurbishment at Yate Library is complete, the teams will be moving back to a new, much more 'customer-facing' office at the front of the building.

### Free Training Opportunities: Involving Young People as Volunteers

Free half day sessions are available to help you to successfully engage young people (aged 16-25 years) as volunteers in your organisations. The vinvolved team will also provide a free lunch. The dates of the sessions are:

Tuesday **20th January 2009**, 1.00pm - 4.30pm Armstrong Hall, Thornbury

Monday **16th March 2009**, 9.30am - 1.30pm Ridgewood Community Centre, Yate

Wednesday **24th June 2009**, 1.00pm - 4.30pm the Kingswood Foundation.

**FFi:** call **01454 317 289**, or email [southglos@youngbristol.com](mailto:southglos@youngbristol.com).



## Christmas Cheer in the Libraries

Get into the festive spirit with special **Stories around the tree** events for 5 – 10 year olds on Monday **22 December**:

- Drop into **Cadbury Heath Library** between 4.00 and 5.00pm for stories and simple craft.
- Spaces are limited at **Hanham Library** so make sure you **collect your free ticket** in advance from the library to avoid missing out. Their event is 5.30 – 6.30pm.

## Read More...Live More

2008 was the National Year of Reading and libraries across South Gloucestershire held a huge range of activities for all ages throughout the year to get everyone excited about reading and books.

Events included the opportunity to meet and hear authors Barbara Erskine, Jeannie Johnson, Leslie Pearse and Saffia Farr; family quizzes, Murder Mystery Evenings, the birth of a talking book, family history days, creative writing workshops, local history talks about Action Court, Dyrham Court and the pubs of Chipping Sodbury and even an Owl Prowl.

It's not too late to make the most of your library, why not take part in **The Great Reading Adventure** from **30<sup>th</sup> January** and join the buzz across the whole of the country by reading Sherlock Holmes creator Conan Doyle's *The Lost World*, one of his most popular books. It is an adventure story that follows Professor Challenger on his quest to find a hidden land where dinosaurs are still alive. Libraries are giving away **free copies** and hosting a range of events and displays between **30 January** and the **end of March** to explore local history and evolution.

## Take Note

Enjoy our celebration of local musical talent in conjunction with the Schools' Music Service and Arts Development Service. There will be special performances by musicians from local primary schools in every library on **Friday 13 February**; and open concerts by local music groups on **Saturday 14 February** at **Kingswood** and **Staple Hill** Libraries. African drumming workshops for children will round off the celebration during the school holiday.

## IT sessions in Kingswood Library

Start the New Year by improving your IT skills at Kingswood Library. We are currently offering one-to-one IT sessions with an Age Concern volunteer for **over 50's**. Sessions last 55 minutes and cost **£4.00** for one session or **£15** for 4 sessions. They take place at **Kingswood Library** on **Friday mornings** and must be booked in advance. Sessions can be tailored to the level of IT knowledge you have. Phone **01454 868006** and ask for Kingswood Library for further details

## Children's activities at Kingswood Library

Come and join our exciting children's activities at Kingswood Library

- For BABIES we have **BABY RHYME TIME**. Every **Wednesday** throughout the year babies and their parents and carers meet to sing rhymes, play musical instruments and chat over a tea or coffee. Just turn up. The rhyme time starts at **10.30** and finishes at approximately 11.30. Suitable for under two's. **Free of charge**.
- For TODDLERS + (2-4 years olds) we have **PRESCHOOL STORY TIME**. This takes place **2.15 -3.00** on **Tuesdays** during term time. We read a story and then do a related craft activity. **Free** of charge. You just need to turn up.
- For PRIMARY SCHOOL children (8-11 year olds) we run a **children's book club**, once a month on **Saturdays**. **Free** of charge.
- We also run activities for children during the school holidays.

For further information, please ring **01454 868006** and ask for Kingswood Library.

### **- New Year! New Courses! - FREE courses in Kingswood + Cadbury Heath: 2009**

#### ***Brush Up Your English***

Do you want to boost your confidence and improve your literacy skills? This course will give you time to concentrate on those areas you would like to improve most including – spelling, punctuation, writing letters + much more.  
**Thursdays 9.30 – 11.30am** at The Park Centre, Kingswood. Starting **Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 2009**

#### ***Food Fit for Families***

Would you like to be eating more healthily, offering your family more healthy options? Come along and join this short course for a fun focus on fit food!  
**Tuesdays 9.30 – 11.30am** at The Park Centre, Kingswood. Starting **Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 2009**.  
(A few spaces remaining: limited crèche availability)

#### ***Introduction to Working with Children***

This short introductory course will look at the importance of play, stages of child development, play activities and routes to childcare and play qualifications:  
**Tuesdays 1pm – 3pm** at The Park Centre, Kingswood. Starting **Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 2009**.  
(Crèche spaces available: must be booked in advance)

#### ***Brush Up Your Maths***

Do you want to improve your maths skills and boost your confidence?  
If so please come and join this friendly group each Thursday - opportunities to cover areas such as percentages, fractions, measurement and much more!  
**Thursdays 1pm –3pm** at The Park Centre, Kingswood. Starting **Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 2009**.

**Language + Play – for adults with English as a second language**

Supporting parents, carers and adults living in the Cadbury Heath area with language skills + a better understanding of services within their local community  
**Thursdays 1pm – 3pm** at Parkwall School/Sure Start. Starting **Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 2009**.

**Beginners Computer Course**

Has technology passed you by? Would you like to improve your computer confidence? This course is aimed at those who have little or no computer knowledge. It is designed for learners who prefer to learn at a slower pace.  
**Tuesdays 10am - 12noon** at Cadbury Heath Library. Starting **Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 2009**.

**Computer Skills for work and training**

Do you need to upgrade your computer skills to improve your job opportunities or for study skills? Limited places - enrol early!  
**Thursdays 6pm – 8pm** at Cadbury Heath Library. Starting **Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 2009**.

**Creating Confidence**

A short course to help you focus, value your strengths and look at positive ways forward – within a small supportive group.

**Monday evenings** from **Jan/February** + possible day-time course (start date and times to be confirmed). PLEASE call to express your interest.  
Venue: Kingswood area

**Managing Stress**

Looking at a range of ways to manage stress in our daily lives including nutrition, complementary therapies and relaxation.

**Mondays: 1pm – 3pm** at The Park Centre. Starting **April 2009**.

**Job Skills: CV's + application forms**

Short 3 week courses using computers to support you in putting together a CV or job application. Call for further details

All learners **MUST enrol** by telephoning **01454 864638**

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**The Park Centre – Kingswood** are also offering **free courses** to people living within the local community:

**BASIC IT: Introduction to the internet, E-mail + word processing**

IT skills for work or training: **Thursdays 1pm – 3pm**. Starting **Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 2009**.

**BASIC IT: Particularly for parents.**

Wednesdays **9.30 – 11.30**. Starting **Feb 25<sup>th</sup>** (Creche available)

**IT for the older learner:**

Fridays **10am – 12noon OR 1pm – 3pm**. Starting **Feb 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Language + Play: for speakers of other languages**

Wednesdays **9.30 – 11.00** Starting **Feb 25<sup>th</sup>** (Creche available)

To enrol please call **Louise** on: **01454 862190**

**Avon Wildlife Trust**  
**Willsbridge Mill Environmental Education Centre**  
**December 08 - February 09 Events**

**Sunday 7 December, 2 - 5 pm: Tree Dressing**

A spectacular celebration of trees and their value to wildlife and people. Environmental art workshops to dress the tree, as well as tree folk lore walks, storytelling, seasonal gift making using recycled materials. Homemade cakes and soup. Event culminates in lantern lit procession to dress the tree.

**Free** Entry

**Sunday 18 January, 2 - 5 pm: Wassailing**

A lively ceremony to awaken the sleeping orchard and its wildlife to ensure a bumper harvest later in the year. Make noisy instruments, present toast to the robins the guardians of the orchard and sing Wassailing songs! Home made apple refreshments.

**Free** Entry

**Saturday 14 February, 2 - 5 pm: In love with nature**

Love is in the air! Discover wildlife springing into life after hibernation and enjoy the bursting apple blossom. Also give nature a helping hand, make homes for wildlife to encourage the next generation of wildlife. Bird box making, tips on encouraging wildlife into your garden, valentine wanders around the nature reserve to spy on nature in love - a celebration of nature's new season.

**Free** entry

Willsbridge Mill is signposted off the A431 in Longwell Green, 6 miles from both Bath and Bristol. Cyclists can reach the Mill using the Bristol to Bath Railway Path - alighting at Avon Valley Railway's Bitton Station and following A431 a short way towards Bristol.

Ring Traveline 0870 6083608 for up to date bus and train times. Nearest train station - Keynsham 1 mile

Visitors with a disability are welcome to park adjacent to the Mill, please follow the 'disabled' signs off A431 on Willsbridge Hill. For evening events, all visitors please park at Willsbridge Mill - at all other times please use the visitor car park in Long Beach Road.

All events are part of South Gloucestershire Council's Wild Roots Project, which aims to connect communities to and to celebrate their fascinating local heritage.

**FFI:** contact **Ruth Worsley** or **Alison Logan**, Avon Wildlife Trust, on: **0117 932 6885**, Email: [ruthworsley@avonwildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:ruthworsley@avonwildlifetrust.org.uk) , or visit: [www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk)

## Funding news

### **Batty Charitable Trust**

The BCT will generally support smaller charities in the UK and especially those working at grass roots and local community level. They will normally award one year grants of between **£1,000** and **£10,000** to charities which can demonstrate that such a grant will make a significant difference to their work. Applicants should submit a letter addressed to the Charity Correspondent stating when, for how much and for what purpose a grant is required. Applications should explain how the grant will make a significant difference to their work. Applicants must supply a signed copy of their latest annual accounts.

There are no deadlines for submission. Applications can be made at any time but it may take up to four months to obtain a decision from Trustees.

**FFI:** call **020 7405 0225**, email: [info@battycharitabletrust.org.uk](mailto:info@battycharitabletrust.org.uk) , or visit:

<http://www.battycharitabletrust.org.uk/>

### **Crisis – Changing Lives Programme**

Crisis, the national Homeless Charity has announced that the Changing Lives Programme will be **re-open** for applications from the **26 January 2009** until **13 March 2009**. The Crisis Changing Lives programme provides financial awards of up to **£2,500** to solitary people who are homeless or settling into a home and looking for support so that they may achieve their vocational goals. The Awards can be used for: course fees; equipment or materials for courses; tools, materials and equipment to get back to work; or to set up a business.

Applications cannot be made by the homeless person, but rather by the support organisation providing ongoing help. This could be a key worker, someone providing guidance concerning training or employment, a housing support officer or someone like a mental health worker.

**FFI:** call **0844 251 0111**, email: [changing.lives@crisis.org.uk](mailto:changing.lives@crisis.org.uk) , or visit:

<http://www.crisis.org.uk/page.builder/changinglivesawards.html>

### **The Drinkaware Trust**

Drinkaware aims to positively change public behaviour and the UK's drinking culture to help reduce alcohol misuse and minimise alcohol-related harm. Grants are available to organisations working primarily with people aged under 18 or between 25 and 44 that are working to tackle alcohol misuse and raise awareness about the impact of alcohol misuse in the community. Grants are available through 3 schemes, 2 of which are:

#### **Ideas Fund - up to £2,000**

Is ideal for community-based projects in need of support or resources for existing work or while working out an initial idea before applying for a larger award. It could also be used on research and development within organisations looking to scope a larger initiative.

#### **Drinkwise Projects - up to £25,000**

This is a larger award to help with resources, publicity or project costs for work already developed. It offers funds to deliver alcohol misuse messages that bring about tangible change. Applications are welcome from organisations that can

show a direct, hands-on engagement with the community and who have had a positive impact in tackling attitudes to drinking.

Applications are accepted from registered charities; community organisations; constituted voluntary groups; statutory organisations and partnerships (but only where their support is in addition to available statutory funds, not replacing statutory funds).

This is a rolling grants programme with no application deadlines. However, groups should apply at least two months before their project is due to start.

**FFI:** call Andy Law on **020 7307 7450**, email: [alaw@drinkawaretrust.org.uk](mailto:alaw@drinkawaretrust.org.uk), or visit: <http://www.drinkaware.co.uk/grants>

### **Enhancing Communities Programme**

Enhancing Communities is the name of SITA Trust's funding programme for community improvement projects. Not for profit organisations, community groups, parish councils, Local Authorities and charities within 3 miles of a SITA UK site (Kingswood & Yate) can apply.

Awards are made to projects that make physical improvements to community facilities, sports projects and historic buildings / structures. Organisations must contribute 11% of the total grant applied for; e.g. to release a grant of £8,000, you must first send a cheque (made out to SITA UK Ltd) to the value of £880. This can come from the organisation applying, donations from the community, donation from an individual, awards from County Councils, Borough Councils, Parish Councils, 'Friends of' – i.e. supporters of a project, local businesses, Grants and other awards.

Two funding streams are available as part of the project:

**Small Grants Scheme** - fast-track funding programme for projects up to **£10,000**.

**Large Grants Scheme** - for projects between **£10,001 and £50,000**.

The **deadline** dates for the **Large Grants Scheme** for 2009 are:

**31st March 2009** (Board Meeting 16th June 2009), **31st July 2009** (Board Meeting 13th October 2009)

The **deadline** dates for the **Small Grants Scheme** for 2009 are:

**5th February** (Board Meeting 7th April 2009), **9th April** (Board Meeting 16th June 2009), **15th June** (Board Meeting 18th August 2009), **12th August** (Board Meeting 13th October 2009), **14th October** (Board Meeting 15th December).

**FFI:** call **01454 262910** or visit [www.sitatrust.org.uk](http://www.sitatrust.org.uk).

### **Equitable Charitable Trust**

The Equitable Charitable Trust exists to promote and support education for children and young people under the age of 25, especially, for the benefit of young people with disabilities and/or from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The Trustees seek to identify and support good projects that address needs not adequately met at present, including those with potential to be introduced to large numbers of schools. Grants can be made for project (revenue) costs, capital expenditure, equipment and/or salary costs for a post. The type of organisation supported is broad; from small local charities to those operating at

national level. The majority of projects funded by the Trust operate at a local or regional level.

The length of funding can range from one to three years. Grants of more than one year are paid in annual instalments, with instalments beyond the first year payable on receipt of satisfactory progress reports. The size of grants made is typically between **£2,500** and **£30,000**, with most being for sums of between £10,000 and £30,000.

Previously supported projects include: Supplementary Maths, English and Science classes for disadvantaged 5-18 year olds; Education projects to reduce teenage pregnancies; Capital grants for the renovation and refurbishment of facilities for children with complex needs and disabilities and Music education projects for children and young people with profound and multiple learning difficulties.

Applications can be submitted at any time and are considered on a rolling basis by the Trustees.

**FFI:** call **020 7264 4995**, email: [jlong@equitablecharitabletrust.org.uk](mailto:jlong@equitablecharitabletrust.org.uk)

Or visit:

<http://www.equitablecharitabletrust.org.uk/>

### **HBOS Foundation - Community Action Programme**

The Community Action Programme provides local grants of up to **£10,000** to support a diverse range of projects. Examples of support already provided include funding equipment at a special needs school, and supporting a debt advice service in an economically deprived area. HBOS Foundation donations must fit within the two key themes of: money advice and financial literacy; and developing and improving local communities.

Each of the Foundation Regional Co-ordinators will assess applications against these themes and on the impact that donation will have on the community. To apply you must be a registered charity, or a not for profit local community group.

Applications can be made at any time.

**FFI:** Claire Parkin, Communications Manager, HBOS plc, 3rd Floor, PO Box 18091, London, EC2N 1JJ. Or visit:

<http://www.hbosfoundation.org/index-community.html>

### **Nationwide Foundation: Small Grants Programme**

The Nationwide Foundation which works towards a just and caring society by enabling people to take part in building better futures in their communities is currently accepting applications for funding under its Small Grants Programme. Under the programme grants of up to **£5,000** are available to registered charities with a yearly income of less than £500,000. The Small Grants Programme is part of Nationwide Foundation's Supporting Families programme and has the following aims: to promote the well-being of young men, women and children whose lives have been affected by domestic violence and to reduce the prevalence of domestic violence through increased service provision, education and awareness raising; to improve the quality of life of families with a member or

members in prison, through the provision of services responsive to their needs; and to provide young people who are or have been involved with the criminal justice system with a rehabilitation programme designed to obtain the skills, confidence and personal support networks to enable them to lead fulfilled and successful lives .

Previous projects funded include a grant of £5,000 towards the salary costs of a counsellor involved in the specialist support and advocacy service for women suffering domestic violence and a grant of £4,000 towards setting up workshops for women from Black and Minority Ethnic groups living in the London Borough of Newham, who are experiencing domestic abuse and difficulties in their relationships. There is no application closing date for the Small Grants Programme.

**FFI:** call **01793 655113**, e-mail: [enquiries@nationwidefoundation.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@nationwidefoundation.org.uk) , or visit: <http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/default.asp>

### **The Royal Bank of Scotland Community Cash Awards**

Community Cash Awards are grants of up to £5,000 to help young people set up a project that will benefit their community. Anyone who is aged 14-16 and is in school, but struggling; or aged 16-25, unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week can apply. Projects must be run and managed by people between the ages of 14 and 25; clearly benefit the local community; benefit the people running the project; and be a new or developing project.

Funding of **up to £1,000** is available for **14-16 year olds**.

Funding of **up to £5,000** is available for those **aged 16-25**.

Projects could range from improving local youth facilities to tackling teenage pregnancy or drug misuse. Advice and support will also be provided as part of the award. Applications can be made at any time.

**FFI:** call **0800 842 842** or visit:

<http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/Main%20Site%20v2/14-30%20and%20need%20help/grants%20for%20community%20projects.asp>

### **The Wakeham Trust**

Groups of individuals as well as small community and voluntary groups within the UK that want to improve their communities can apply for funding through the Wakeham Trust. All the projects that the Trust supports have, as a common theme, the empowerment of ordinary non-professional people. They help those projects that are too new and experimental to get support through established fund raising channels, or which (if established) are under threat due to changes in national or local policy. The Trust support projects that are new for a particular area (even if the idea is tried and tested in other parts of the country); small - where an initial £75 to £750 can make a real difference to getting the project up and running); and do not employ staff.

Projects must show that they are well planned and have the potential to become self-supporting. Applications can be made at any time.

**FFI:** call **01730 821 748**, email: [wakehamtrust@mac.com](mailto:wakehamtrust@mac.com) , or visit: <http://www.wakehamtrust.org/>