



Welcome to the spring edition of **Community Link**. If you would like to send any articles or information for the next newsletter (Sept 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. The deadline for articles is Sept 8th, 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 ! Email details of your group for the directory, volunteering opportunities & news of community events.

News from the Chase & Kings Forest Community Project

AGM & Members' Lunch

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting, followed by a Member's Lunch on:

July 14th 2009 - 12-2pm

At The **Clocktower**, Tower Road North, Warmley, BS30 8XN.

This is an opportunity to find out what the project has achieved in the last 12 months, to meet with other groups, to share news and common issues. If you would like to attend please contact Steph via the details above.

Support For Groups

- **Funding Updates** available by email between newsletters, contact Steph.
- Search **Grants Online** (a funding database) to find potential funders for your group, we can make an appointment for you to visit the office.
- **Support with funding applications** for small or newly formed groups in the Kingswood, Staple Hill and Cadbury Heath areas.
- **1 to 1 Support** for small or newly formed groups in Priority Neighbourhoods: Kingswood, Staple Hill or Cadbury Heath.
- **Training**. If volunteers or staff from your organisation require training to help them with running a group - we can provide training and hold information on training happening locally.

These services are free to groups, for more information contact Steph (on **01454 868726**, or make an appointment by email:

steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk)

News from Kingswood Locality Network Meeting - March 31st 2009

This lunch meeting, facilitated by ourselves, in conjunction with CVS, is for groups working with **children, young people and their families** in the **Kingswood Locality** area. Thirteen people representing ten organisations attended.

The main issues discussed were:

- The need for youth work training: Southern Brookes Community Partnership offer Youth Work Training. FFI: call: **01454 868570**, or visit: www.sbcommunitypartnership.org.uk
- Progress with the Kingswood Hub – no further progress has been made. Service Managers are currently working on a common pathway for the Yate Hub. It is hoped that budgets will be looked at to ensure that the necessary services are provided to meet needs in each locality.
- The Youth Service Strategy Review – this had gone to the Select Committee at the time of the meeting.
- **Kingswood Locality Meeting for Groups Providing Services to Young People (11-25):** These are facilitated by Dave Hall from South Gloucestershire Youth Service, but are open to groups from the VCS. The meetings are held approximately every 2 months; the last meeting was on **June 2nd**. For more information, and to register your attendance call: Dave on: **01454 868592**.
- **Vetting and Barring:** From October 2009, a new law will come into effect requiring the registration of all those who work or volunteer to work with children and vulnerable adults. This new scheme, know as Vetting and Barring will be run by the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) who will work alongside the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) to strengthen current employee vetting systems. This means that individuals will need to be ISA-registered prior to applying for a paid or voluntary position. CWDC will be producing material on this legislation to guide employers and employees that work with children of what this means for them, and the steps they need to take. All tools and publications will be placed on their website as and when they become available: www.cwdcouncil.org.uk
- **The Independent Safeguarding Authority's Vetting and Barring Scheme contact centre is now live:** If you have any questions or queries about the Scheme please call: **0300 123 1111**. Operators staffing this Lo-call service will be available to deal with queries Monday to Friday between 8am and 5.30pm.

We had an agreement with CVS to host these meetings until March 2009. Another organisation will host the meetings from 2009-2010. For more information contact Emma Collier from CVS on: **01454 865205**.

News from and for Local Groups

Dreaming Of A Brighter Future

Kingsmeadow Community Flat are busy developing a new project to get young people on the estate involved in constructive activities that benefit their community. In exchange for the work that they do the young people get to choose trips or activities that they want.

The new project called 'Dreamscheme' is based on a model developed in Sheffield in the mid 90s. The young people get points for each hour of work they do and can save them up for whatever trips they wish. It's a little like volunteering with an incentive. In other areas where the Dreamscheme has been implemented, cases of anti social behaviour have dropped dramatically and the local environment has improved considerably.

In May half term holidays the Community Flat held a 'mini Dreamscheme' where young people on the estate were invited to participate in work in the morning in exchange for an afternoon of fun. The young people designed and conducted a survey on the need for litterbins on the estate and worked hard to prepare a barbeque lunch for all involved. After some delicious food the young people participated in football training skills and a bowling tournament on the Wii. All enjoyed the day and it serves as a good start to the summer of activities.



Young people from the Kingsmeadow estate with PCSO Emyr Watson

If you are interested in getting involved in the Kingsmeadow Dreamscheme or would like to know more, please contact Brian Smith on **0117 904 8425** or email: brian_kingsmeadow@yahoo.co.uk

Supportive Parents

Supportive Parents are a parent-led organisation and registered charity, providing a confidential and independent parental support service to parents and carers of children with any kind of special educational needs (SEN). They offer:

- Telephone information and support: **0117 9897725** - 10am-2pm Mon, Wed & Fri during term time.
- Help with paperwork for school based and statutory assessments, e.g. parental contributions, reviews and Individual Education Plans (IEP).
- Support with preparing for meetings with schools or the Local Authority.
- Face to face support at monthly support group meetings.
- Training for parents about special educational needs issues.

FFI: call **0117 9897724**, email: mail@supportiveparents.org.uk or visit: www.supportiveparents.org.uk

Cossham Hospital Update

Planning the redevelopment of Cossham Hospital continues. The hospital is now owned by NHS South Gloucestershire. The initial business case was approved by the Strategic Health Authority (SHA) in January 2009. The application for planning and listed building consent was submitted to Bristol City Council in May 2009. The SHA will receive a more detailed business case in November 2009. This is the final approval required.

Services will continue to be provided on the Cossham site whilst the work is ongoing. Outpatients, Audiology and Radiology will move to Henshaw House before the main scheme starts. Physiotherapy and the Mobile MRI will stay where they are until the main building re-opens.

The PCT is keen to share their proposals with staff and people living in the Kingswood and East Bristol area. Please call **0117 330 2432** or email Paul.Frisby@sglos-pct.nhs.uk if you would like to hear more about these proposals or if you would like to receive the Cossham Newsletter

Want to have your say on the improvements that the NHS is making to Maternity and Newborn Services in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire?

Why not go along to the first Maternity Services Liaison Committee meeting on Thursday 9th July?

The Maternity Services Liaison Committee (MLSC) is the voice for women and their families who use maternity and newborn services before, during and after pregnancy. If you are passionate about high quality maternity services this is your opportunity to make a difference: **Thursday July 9th 2009**, 10.30-12.30, in the Green Room, Tobacco Factory, Southville. (Lunch will be provided – at 12.30)

FFI and to register your attendance, call: **0800 015 5127**, or email: bhsp@bristolpct.nhs.uk

ACCOUNTING THRESHOLD CHANGES FOR UNINCORPORATED CHARITIES

(From Sandy Adirondack's Legal Update:

<http://www.sandy-a.co.uk/managing.htm#vat-threshold>)

- For financial years ending on or after **1 April 2009**, unincorporated charities with annual income of **£25,000**, or under, no longer need to send their annual accounts and report to the Charity Commission, and should not do so unless the Commission requests it.
- For financial years ending on or after **1 April 2009**, an unincorporated charity with income **over £25,000** (increased from £10,000) and up to the threshold for full audit **must have** either an **independent examination** or a full audit. The annual income threshold for full audit is £500,000 (increased from £250,000), or annual income more than £250,000 (increased from £100,000) with total assets valued at more than £3.26 million (increased from £2.8 million).
- The threshold above which an unincorporated charity must prepare accrual accounts — rather than having the option to prepare a simpler receipts and payments account instead — is increased from £100,000 to £250,000.
- For financial years starting on or after **27 February 2007**, independent examiners for charities with income between £250,000 and £500,000 must have a professional qualification or be a fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners. Above this level they must have a professional qualification.

Full information about all the financial changes from 1 April 2009 is in CC15b Charity reporting and accounting: The essentials (April 2009) at

www.charitycommission.gov.uk/publications/cc15b.asp.

Events

Power to the People, Power to the Providers?

How the Voluntary and Community Sector Can Make the Most of Individual Budgets. Half day conference on:

Wednesday **1st July**, 10am-1pm, The Vassall Centre

Ralph Michell, head of policy at ACEVO Third Sector Leaders is the keynote speaker. The morning will include workshops on:

- Repositioning your organisation to make the most of individual budgets including marketing

- Keeping your standards up without going bust!

The conference will bring together commissioners and providers from B&NES, Bristol and South Gloucestershire from both adults and children's services.

To book contact Katharine Gonzales or Kate Oliver at The Care Forum:

☐ **0117 965 4444**

or email events@thecareforum.org.uk

**Bumps & Babies Participate in A Celebration of Talents
at St Barnabas Church, Church Avenue, Warmley, BS30 5JJ**

St Barnabas Church is holding a number of events to raise money towards improvements to make the church more accessible and welcoming to the community. Bumps and Babies, a young mums group that meet at the Clocktower in Warmley, have been invited to create an arrangement or scene in the church. Members of the public will be able to view the creations from 9am on the **3rd, 4th and 5th of July**; refreshments will be served on Saturday and Sunday.

FFI: Jane Brown, event organiser, on: **01179673965**

**KINGSWOOD HERITAGE MUSEUM, TOWER LANE, WARMLEY
Special Openings 2009**

including another opportunity to explore the gardens of 18th century Warmley House and delve into the remains of the Grotto.

Sunday 26th July, 2009 - Archaeology in the Park
Warmley History Uncovered. **11am - 4pm**

Sunday 13th September, 2009 - Heritage Open Day.
Warmley House & Grotto. **11am - 4pm**

See Website for more details: www.kingswoodmuseum.org.uk

South Gloucestershire Funders Fair - Book NOW!

Thursday 9th July 2009, 9.00am - 2.00pm at Yate Outdoor Sports Complex

CVS South Gloucestershire is hosting a special Funders Fair in July. This is a unique opportunity for local groups to gain information and advice directly from representatives of key funders, including **The Big Lottery, Quartet Community Foundation, Children In Need and South Gloucestershire Council**. Also to network with other groups who are addressing similar fundraising issues.

With **presentations, information stands, individual surgeries and group workshops**, this event will boost your fundraising skills and help you on the road to achieving your organisation's goals. Entry is **free**, **lunch** is included and **transport** can be provided if required. For further details, to download a booking form or to register online visit: www.cvs-sg.org.uk. Or call us on 01454 865205.

Please spread the word to any contacts who you think might want to join us.



Willsbridge Mill Environmental Education Centre
Summer 09 Events

Sunday 26th July - Snapping Dragons 2pm - 5pm

Outdoor wildlife photography course with Mike Dimery, snapping winged visitors to Willsbridge Valley Nature Reserve including butterflies and dragonflies. Bring a camera!

£6 adults £4 children (11yrs and over) - Please ring to book - 0117 9177270

'Manic August'

If you are wild about wildlife join other wildlife maniacs at these fun family drop in sessions:

10.30 - 12.30 pm or **1.30-3.30 pm**

£6/child (4yrs plus) Adults FREE

Weds 5th August - Aquamania

Dip with pond nets to discover the huge variety of wildlife lurking in the Upper Mill pond. Discover how they creep about in the murky depths to prey on the smaller water loving residents. Make pond bug id dials, froggy masks and flying fish.

Weds 12th August - Forestmania

Become a tree detective and venture into the wild woods of Catscliffe, in the heart of Willsbridge Valley Nature Reserve. Follow the tracks of the Cock Road gang to make your own den.

Weds 19th August - Bugmania

Learn to tell your arachnids from your annelids on bug hunts and sweep the meadow with special nets to get closer to bugs. Take part in the 6 legged bug race and beetledrive.

Weds 26th August - Mammalmania

Follow the animal paw print trail around Willsbridge Valley Nature Trail in search of clues to the mammals that make their homes there. Make plaster casts of their paw prints and hedgehog homes.

Really Wild Activity Days for Holiday Playschemes

Visits from local playschemes and other young people's groups are always welcome. Den building, mini raft making and racing, as well as the Big Pond Dip Challenge are just some of the activities offered.

FFI: Willsbridge Mill, Willsbridge Hill, South Glos, BS30 6EX

Tel: **0117 932 6885**, email: willsbridgemill@avonwildlifetrust.org.uk , or visit:

www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk

Suitable for all ages and good access for the disabled.



News From Yate Volunteer Centre

We are still in our temporary offices at 19 West Walk Yate, whilst Yate Library is getting a facelift! Hopefully everything will be finished on schedule and we will be back in our new office at the front of the library by November....until then we are a bit 'hidden away' but people are finding us, I'm pleased to report!

We are seeing a very large increase in the number of people making enquiries about volunteering since November of last year – to a large extent the recession is the cause: some have been made redundant and are looking at gaining experience which will enable them to follow a new career path; a lot of young people are volunteering as well.

The South Gloucestershire Volunteer Centres are really pleased to partner **Young Bristol** in supporting the delivery of the 'V' volunteering project across our area, through the Vinvolved Team. Sarah Davies and Carla Thomas have been in post a year now and the scheme has been very successful. Apart from partnering the Volunteer Centres, the team works closely with Connexions and the Youth Service as well as some other agencies.

The project is all about getting young people aged 16-25 into volunteering roles that they will find inspiring, interesting and where they can share skills or learn new ones. One of the major successes has been the Youth Action Team, which consists of 7 members and has been involved in several projects throughout the year. Members have attended careers and freshers fairs, created a short DVD featuring young volunteers, attended 2 residential events and organised and hosted a Celebration Event, where they awarded some volunteers for their time, introduced bands and gave speeches in front of 140 people. Many of the team members have completed V50 (50 hours of voluntary work) awards and are also working towards Youth Achievement awards – so well done all!

If you are a young person who is either volunteering and interested in getting the time you volunteer accredited and meeting other young volunteers or you would like to start volunteering, call Carla on: **01454 862227**, email: southglos@youngbristol.com or get in touch with the Volunteer Centre (details below) and we will put you in touch. You might also like to look at the website www.vinspired.com for details.

Summer Training Workshops - FREE !

You're the Volunteer! 9th June, 10am –1pm Poole Court, Yate

If you have some free time and are thinking of volunteering or maybe you have just started volunteering, or simply want to refresh your role as a volunteer, then come along and find out more. It will help you be clearer about your motivation

and provide you with tips to help you get what you are looking for...topics will include:

- Clarifying what interests you most
- Doing it because you want to
- The art of saying no
- Getting yourself organised (including time management)

Getting the Best from Volunteers: Poole Court, Yate 10am-1pm, 1st July

Last year we put on a very successful one day workshop called 'Earth that Vision'; this half-day session will continue the networking process we established last time, but will also focus on balancing volunteers' needs with those of the organisation or group. We would love to see those who attended last year's training and some new faces so do come along. We'll also look at how to make sure you are clear about the role and purpose of working with volunteers; matching tasks to skills and interests; making sure communication strategies are in place and providing development opportunities.

To book a place simply call **01454 324102** or email:
volunteercentreyate@btconnect.com

Latest Volunteering Opportunities...

Walk the Walk.....

Sunday 5th July is the date for this year's SunWalk in Bristol and up to 300 volunteers are needed to help support walkers from handing out food, water, mags and medals to marshalling and supporting on foot or on bike...and much more. For details on how to register contact Yate Volunteer Centre.

Concorde needs you!

Anyone interested in the Aerospace industry need look no further ..there are opportunities for Stewards to act as guides at the Concorde site at Filton and also to help run the Aerospace Museum at Kemble near Cirencester...contact us to apply.

Local Groups

If your organisation needs volunteers let us know by calling Carole Zorzo on 01454 324102 or emailing volunteercentreyate@btconnect.com - if you are registered with us but your opportunities have changed or are no longer available, please let us know!

We can advertise your opportunities on our website, Do-it.org and through local community networks.

If you are interested in volunteering there are more opportunities on our website: www.yatevoluntarylink.org.uk or Do-it.org

Funding Sources

NHS South Gloucestershire Local Grants Scheme 2009/10

A limited number of small grants are available, for group activities that will help people in South Gloucestershire to:

- make healthier choices
- improve their physical health
- improve their mental health and well being

Priority will be given to projects that reach people who are socially isolated or living in disadvantaged areas. The work might include food, physical activity, quitting smoking, self-help groups or family support. Grants from **£100 to £1000** are available. There are limited funds so please only apply for the amount you need. **Closing date: Friday 24th July 2009**. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by Friday 4th September 2009. **If you would like to discuss your ideas before submitting an application**; please contact Jane Kilpatrick on 0117 3302426 .

FFI: contact Lindsey Thomas, on: **0117 330 2422**, or email: lindsey.thomas@sglos-pct.nhs.uk

BBC Children in Need: Fun and Friendship Grants Programme

BBC Children in Need have announced that they are launching a new £3 million grants programme 'Fun and Friendship', to address the lack of opportunity for independent socialising for disabled young people aged 12 – 18, growing up in the UK. Fun and Friendship was set up following commissioned research revealing a significant lack of opportunity for independent socialising for disabled young people, often leading to feelings of loneliness and isolation. Fun and Friendship will award up to 12, three-year grants of up to **£300,000** each to not for profit organisations that can provide these opportunities for friendship, and identify and address the barriers disabled young people face as teenagers growing up in the UK. The Fun and Friendship grants programme is in addition to BBC Children in Need's general grants; the application **closing date** is the **31st July 2009**. Those who are successful will be awarded a grant in February 2010.

Applications are welcomed from not for profit organisations that can demonstrate the **participation and leadership of disabled young people** in their work; are working with disabled young people aged 12-18; are based in and operate within the UK; have a constitution/ governing document that allows them to carry out the work proposed in the application; have up to date audited accounts; have a written child protection policy and take all appropriate steps to ensure the safety of children and young people.

FFI: call BBC Children in Need on **020 8576 7788** from 9am to 5pm weekdays, making sure to mention your enquiry relates to Fun and Friendship, email: pudsey@bbc.co.uk with Fun and Friendship in the subject line, or visit: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/funandfriendship.shtml>

The BIG Family Idea

The Big Lottery Fund in partnership with National Family Week is inviting people of all ages in the UK to enter the BIG Family Idea competition, with an idea that could improve family life, either in their street or revolutionises life for families throughout the UK. The idea could aim to change government legislation; help disadvantaged families; encourage a healthier family lifestyle and enhance communication between family members. There are no restrictions on the size of the idea, and this could be a product; service; event; campaign; or a great social idea. **BIG will provide £150,000 of Big Lottery Fund to an organisation who can develop the winning idea.** An example of a great idea includes The Walking Bus. There's a driver at the front and a conductor at the back (specially trained parents), it takes the same route to school every day picking the kids up along the way.

The **closing date** for entries is the **31st July 2009**.

FFI and to submit your idea visit:

<http://www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk/view.The-Big-Family-Idea>

The Guardian Charity Awards 2009

The Guardian Charity Awards 2009, sponsored by Media and the National Council of Voluntary Organisations, are open to UK social welfare charities that can demonstrate excellence and achievement in what they do. Eligible charities must also have been registered in the UK for more than two years and have an annual income of between £5,000 and £1 million. The awards offer a leg-up to organisations that are delivering practical solutions to present-day problems, especially in today's challenging economic circumstances. Each winner will receive **£1,000 cash**, a **PC** and a range of **consultancy and media advice**.

Previous winners include:

- Action for Sustainable Living - a Manchester-based community charity that encourages people to change their lifestyles and live more sustainably.
- Envision - a group set up by young people to engage other young people in social and environmental volunteering
- Straight Talking Peer Education - a group that works both to tackle Britain's high rates of teenage pregnancy and to empower and support teenage parents.

The **deadline** for entries is the **31st July 2009** and winners will be announced in December.

FFI: contact Nisha Ashra or Beth Glazer, Events Department, at Guardian News & Media on **020 3353 2000**, email: charityawards@guardian.co.uk, or visit:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/charity-awards-2009>

The Joanies Trust

Registered charities working with young people aged 11 to 25 are eligible to apply for grants through the Joanies Trust. Each year, the Trust makes approximately 30 grants with an average value of **£1,000** to support projects that offer intensive support to young people as well as those that promote preventative work, and especially those that are designed to lead to individual development through integration, work opportunities or accreditation. In

particular the Trust is looking to support projects that show innovation and imagination as well as evidence of close consultation with young people in developing their project. Grants awarded by the Trust include: The Trinity Sailing Trust, Derby Playhouse, Dream Arts.

The next **deadline** for applications is the **31st August 2009**.

FFI: call tel: **01531 633345**, or visit: <http://www.joaniestrust.org.uk/index.htm>

The Museums, Libraries, Archives Council (MLA)

The Museums, Libraries, Archives Council (MLA) has grants programmes that are open to applications from museums, libraries and archives from any sector, (including business, local authority, health authority, higher or further education, charity, professional or learned society) across England. The two programmes are:

The Literature & Storytelling Phase 2 scheme (with a very close deadline) has 27 grants of **£750** available to enable families to learn together using museum, library and archive collections. Funding will pay for the delivery of family storytelling events across England, which will support audiences to engage with collections in new ways. The events will take place to coincide with the Open Weekend 24-26 July 2009. The **closing date** for applications **29 June 2009**.

The Young Cultural Creator scheme has 27 grants of **£750 to £1,000** available for museums, libraries and archives working in partnership with students to create poetry inspired by collections. Funding will pay for projects that will build the capacity of cultural services to deliver social and learning outcomes to vulnerable young people. Schemes will take place between October 2009 and February 2010. They will work with groups of young people outside mainstream education or at risk of exclusion – from Pupil Referral Units and other Children's Services.

The **closing date** for applications is the **19th July 2009**.

FFI: Contact Vanessa Harbar, Project Manager for 2012, on: **0121 345 7331**, email:

Vanessa.harbar@mla.gov.uk, or visit:

http://www.mla.gov.uk/what/programmes/setting_pace/festival%20of%20storytelling

Standard Life Charitable Trust

Standard Life has announced their proposal to establish the Standard Life Charitable Trust later on in the year. The initial investment of around £5 million will come from the company's unclaimed assets trust, while the remainder will come from funds left over after a change to shareholder cash dividend payments. The Trust will be used to enable Standard Life to continue its approach to corporate responsibility and to support their community investment programmes.

FFI: visit:

http://ukgroup.standardlife.com/content/news/new_articles/2009/agm_2009.xml
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<p>For more Funding information, email: steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk to register to receive regular Funding Updates</p>
