



the chase and kings forest COMMUNITY PROJECT

Welcome to the spring edition of **Community Link**. If you would like to send any articles or information for the next newsletter (June 2010 edition) or if you would prefer an electronic copy of the newsletter, please contact me on **0117 9604186**, or email: steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk. The deadline for articles is **June 9th**, 2010. Thank you. Steph Bengry-Howell, Community Development Worker. TC&KFCP, The Clocktower, Tower Road North, Warmley, BS30 8XU. 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

Introducing our new Volunteer Development Worker...

Hello to everyone out there across the Chase and Kings Forest areas of South Gloucestershire! My name is Helen and I have recently started working with The Chase and Kings Forest Community Project to promote volunteering and volunteering opportunities across the area – a role I am really looking forward to over the coming months!

I have lived and worked in the wider Kingswood area for many years and many of you may well recognise my name from my previous roles both within community development and community learning. I am very excited to be back working within the local community and have already met up with a lot of 'old' faces both at our offices in The Clocktower and out and about.

I am passionate about volunteering and about the opportunities it can offer – both to organisations and to individual volunteers. My own experiences include volunteering initially through involvement with youth schemes, as a student within adventure playgrounds and youth clubs and more recently within community education and local festivals. These experiences have been great opportunities to develop my own skills, to meet new people and learn from them – and to make a positive contribution within my local communities.

I have also worked with many volunteers – learning champions, committee members, volunteer play and youth work staff ... and, as we all know, the support of organisations and groups is crucial to making the volunteer's experience a positive and productive one!

I am very keen to start by talking to local groups and organisations and beginning to compile information on groups across the wider Kingswood area

and the volunteering opportunities they can offer ... and I would also like to hear about any support we might be able to offer you!

To help me please could you could take a few minutes to fill in and return the enclosed form – and if you are not already registered with any of the local Volunteer Centres I will contact you in the near future to ask if you would like to complete a registration form and have your volunteering information stored on our database.

Many thanks ... and if you have any questions or comments do please contact me either by e-mail or on the number below. I hope to meet or talk with many of you over the next few months.

Helen Stone

Call: **0117 9604186**, or email: Helen@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk

Friends of Network

This is an opportunity for representatives from Friends of groups based in the Chase & Kings Forest Area Forum areas to meet and discuss common issues such as fundraising, recruiting new volunteers, putting on events and collaborative working. The network is open to all groups involved in maintaining and improving open spaces.

Our first (informal) meeting will be at 2.30pm on Wednesday **May 26th** 2010, at Kingsmeadow Community Flat.

Agenda Items will include:

- What people want from the group
- Ideas for collaborative work
- The Dreamscheme project
- Practical support that is needed/utilising the Probation Service
- Support available from the new Volunteer Development Worker at Chase & Kings Forest Community Project

Wednesday daytime was the day and time most popular with people who responded to the questionnaire I sent out. We do realise, however, that not all people can make a daytime meeting, so we will alternate with evening meetings.

If you would like to attend, or are interested in the network, please fill in the enclosed booking form.

Thank you

Steph Bengry-Howell

Local News



Downend Folk House Association

Gill Higgins reports on **Lincombe Barn's, 40th Anniversary year:**

Celebrations have started with our launch event and an evening entitled a "Musical Journey". We are holding an **Arts and Craft Exhibition** on Saturday **April 17th** from 10am - 4pm and Sunday **April 18th** from 10am - 12 noon. This will

enable members to show the excellent work that is being done in a number of our clubs and classes. We would welcome visitors to these events who are not Barn members.

We continue with our Fund Raising to enable us to renovate the facade on the oldest part of our building.

Kingswood Heritage Museum Trust

Volunteers Needed

Can you spare a few hours of your time to help at Kingswood Heritage Museum?

We meet **Tuesday** and **Sunday** afternoon between **2 – 5 p.m.**

The following posts need to be filled

- Receptionist
- Kitchen Staff-to serve light refreshments
- Shop Assistant – in a small shop
- Room Stewards – training given

Help is also needed in the **Heritage Garden** on **Tuesday** afternoon:

- ground clearance,
- pruning,
- grass cutting
- general tidying up

If you are interested, call in and see Alan Bryant or telephone Margaret on: **9678587**



What is Dreamscheme?

Dreamscheme creates safe opportunities for young people to enjoy challenging activities. Dreamscheme is a community youth development based project with a simple concept- WORK, POINTS and TRIPS.



Young people are given the opportunity to carry out community based work projects and are rewarded with trips and activities of their choice. The young people are provided with situations in which they can do well, raising expectations of possibilities, improving communications and relationships between residents of all ages.

Our story - Kingsmeadow Community Flat was introduced to Dreamscheme by Knightstone Housing, supported by Merlin Housing. The Police, through the local beat team, have been engaging with young people through sport - building mutual trust and respect. John Carter, Chris Ray and parents ensured each planned day was a success.



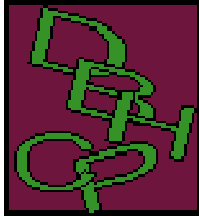
This year we need volunteers, and business people who are willing to offer support in the form of giving advice, fresh idea's or committing to a work project.



For more information, contact: Ceri Naylor on: **0117 9048425**
or
Diane Block on: **0117 9098275**



The Downend and Bromley Heath Community Plan



"Dear Resident, How would you like your community to look and feel in ten years time?" This is the question that residents of Downend and Bromley Heath will soon be asked in a questionnaire drawn up by a group of committed local volunteers working on the Community Led Plan for their area of South Gloucestershire.

Many communities across the country have taken up the challenge of drawing up a Community Led Plan to provide priorities for the local council and other agencies to adopt. **What makes Downend and Bromley Heath special?** Well, apart from being the birth place of the famous cricketer, WG Grace, it sits on the edge of busy Bristol and looks towards the countryside of South Gloucestershire. It has a rich mix of suburban and rural: older residents remember when there were farmers' fields and apple orchards where there are now houses and supermarkets. It is also one of the largest communities in the West to undertake to create a Community Led Plan with nearly 12000 residents.

The steering group, an independent group supported by the Parish Council, started work in the summer of 2009 with a short survey to discover what might be the main issues for residents. Since then the group has put together a questionnaire – **"Have your say"** – which will generate more specific responses to help shape the finished plan. Of course the success and authority of any Community Led Plan depends upon the fullest response possible from all residents - and this questionnaire encourages those younger than ten as well as those in older age groups to take part. So when the questionnaire pops through the letter box later in the spring, the steering group really does want everyone in the household to "Have Their Say" and help set the priorities for Downend and Bromley Heath for the next decade and beyond.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the Downend and Bromley Heath Community Led Plan can contact:

Graeme Riley, Chair of the Steering Group on: **07764208371**
or **email riley.ge@hotmail.co.uk**

or visit the Downend and Bromley Heath Parish Council website at **www.downendbromleyheath.org** and click on **Community Plan**.

North Bristol BiPolar Disorder Self-Help Group

If you or someone you know has a diagnosis of BiPolar Disorder (formerly known as Manic Depression) you are warmly invited to attend the North Bristol MDF BiPolar Self Help Group.

The group is run for and by people with a diagnosis, their families, friends and carers. It offers a safe environment for people to learn more about the condition, share information and benefit from peer support. Meetings include practical advice, interesting speakers, ideas and guidance on managing mood swings – plus someone to talk to and the opportunity to make new friends.

The group meets in **Stoke Gifford** on the **third Monday** of each month (**7 - 9pm**) and welcomes people from any area who are able to join. If you are interested in attending the group or want further information, please contact the national office on **08456 340540**.

The North Bristol group is part of MDF The BiPolar Organisation. This is a national, user-led organisation with first hand experience of problems similar to those you may be facing now. It offers information, training in self-management techniques, legal advice (on employment issues, state benefits etc), insurance, careers guidance and more. For details visit www.mdf.org.uk

New to South Gloucestershire – The Stroke Café

Are you a Stroke Survivor or Carer living in South Gloucestershire? Have you been affected by a mini-stroke? Then join us once a month for a chat and a hot drink!

We talk about healthy eating, exercise, benefits, carers support, living independently and much more! We can also help you with any queries you might have and support you in accessing other schemes that you may be interested in.

We meet at Rodway Court, Windsor Place, Mangotsfield the **2nd Friday** of every month between **11am and 1pm**. The first meeting took place on Friday 12th March 2010.

For more information or for help in getting to the Stroke Cafe please contact Tina Downing (Stroke Care Co-ordinator) on **01454 862354**.

News for Local Groups

From Kingswood Foundation



The conversion of the old boiler house at the Kingswood Foundation Estate is being funded by Capacity Builders to provide office space to support third sector organizations. If you are interested in renting a desk or a small office please phone the Kingswood Foundation on tel: **0117 9477948**. Office space will be available for rental from May 2010.

News From Hugh Barnes, Boyd Valley and Bitton Policing Team

Hello to all!! The Staple Hill Neighbourhood Policing Team have some exciting news regarding changes to the Boyd Valley and Bitton Team. A new Beat Manager has been appointed. He is PC 693 Simon Topps, who has 13 years policing experience. He joined the Team on 23rd February. I am Hugh Barnes, your new PCSO. I am currently in tutorship on another beat, but I am trying to get out and about on this area. We hope that along with the new faces you will see some new ideas enter the Neighbourhood policing team.

We have some initiatives we would like to implement, but we would also love to hear your thoughts on what you would like to see happen. Please feel free to email me at hugh.barnes@avonandsomerset.police.uk. My mobile number, for when I am on duty is **07825388936**.

From Simon and I, we look forward to meeting you all soon.

PCSO Hugh BARNES 9860

Life Cycle UK – Take A Stand

Good cycle parking tells the world that you're an environmentally friendly organisation and it's a proven way of deterring cycle theft. 'Take a Stand' is a scheme, which encourages different organisations to install cycle parking. It is run by Life Cycle UK in partnership with local Councils, including South Gloucestershire. If you are a voluntary group, school, small business, church, surgery- in fact almost any type of organisation, you are welcome to apply. Cycle stands will be delivered to your premises- but you have to arrange for them to be installed. Call Life Cycle on **0117 353 4580** or email admin@lifecycle.org.uk for details.

Events and Meetings

Library News

Love your library? Don't keep us a secret...!

Join a friend or family member between **1 February** and **30 April** to be in with a chance of winning some amazing prizes, including a flat screen digital TV, digital camera and Amazon vouchers. To participate, complete the coupon available at all libraries. For more information log onto www.librarieswest.org.uk

TWO PENN'OTH OF POISON - The Story of a Georgian Murder

Local author, Penny Deverill, will be coming to two local libraries to talk about her new book, Two Penn'oth of Murder. Whilst researching her family tree, Penny discovered she had a murder in the family – and the murderer lived in Oldland Common! As part of the **Spring into Life (Celebrating Age) Festival**, Penny will be talking about her book at **CADBURY HEATH LIBRARY** on Monday **19th April** 7.30-9.00pm and **KINGSWOOD LIBRARY** on Wednesday **21st April** 7.45-9.15pm. Tickets cost **£2.00** for non- library members and **£1.50** for members (to include refreshments) and are available from any South Gloucestershire library. This talk will be of interest to people researching their family tree or anyone interested in the local area. For further details ring **01454 868006**.



**Put a Spring in Your Step at the First Spring
Into Life Festival –
A Celebration Of Age
10th – 23rd April 2010**

The festival, organised by South Gloucestershire Council, the Senior Citizens Forum, Age Concern and the Southern Brooks Community Partnership, is a celebration of the older generation and the amazing range of opportunities they are finding to enhance their lifestyles. Spring into Life starts on Saturday **10 April** with a high profile event opened by BBC's Points West's Sally Challoner at Patchway Community Centre. The day will be full of fantastic activities and will set the scene for the following fortnight.

During the course of the two week festival you will have the chance to take part in a huge range of free activities and events. There is a **Good Health Day** at **Yate Library** on **20th April**, and a closing finale at **Cadbury Heath Community Centre** on **23rd April**.

Full details of the whole range of events are available:

- In the **60+ Active Directory**, available from One Stop Shops and Libraries in South Gloucestershire.
- On www.southglos.gov.uk/springintolife
- From Denise Swain on: **01454 864323** or:
denise.swain@southglos.gov.uk

Your local Safer Stronger Community Group needs you!



South Gloucestershire's 20 Safer Stronger Community Groups are all about working together to improve your local community. The groups also enable you to have your say about the services that your community needs and receives.

These groups have been set up as part of the South Gloucestershire Council's Community Engagement initiative and the Neighbourhood Policing Model. Their members include people who live and work in the area and representatives from South Gloucestershire Council, the local police, Avon Fire & Rescue, Primary Care Trust, the Town & Parish Council and other local organisations. The aim is to:

- work together to ensure that local communities are safe and pleasant places to live, work and play
- give local people a greater voice and influence over local decisions and the priorities of the service providers
- support actions and initiatives that meet local needs

To **find out** about your local Safer Stronger Community Group visit <http://groups.southglos.gov.uk>. Here, you will be able to become a member of your local group, view agendas and minutes from meetings and gain access to more information about the issues and projects in your area. Alternatively, you can contact your **Community Safety Officer** on **01454 864625/01454 868760**.

MEETING DATES

Parkwall Group

Wednesday 7th July, 2pm - Pavilion, Park Road, Cadbury Heath

Staple Hill, Rodway and Mangotsfield Group

Tuesday 20th April, 7pm - Page Community Association, Page Road, BS16 4NE

Kingswood Group

Thursday 15th April, 7pm - Park Centre, High Street, Kingswood, BS15 4AR

Boyd Valley Group

Tuesday 1st June, 7pm - Pucklechurch Community Centre, Abson Road, Pucklechurch, BS16 9RH

Hanham and Longwell Green Group

Tuesday 1st June, 2pm - Longwell Green Community Centre, Shellards Road, Longwell Green BS30 9DU

Downend, Bromley Heath and Emersons Green Group

Thursday 10th June, 7pm - Downend Baptist Church, Salisbury Road, BS16 5RA

Training

New Ways Parenting Course, at Bourne Family Project
Bourne Chapel, Waters Road, Kingswood, Bristol BS15 8BE

3 sessions on:

Wednesday 28th April - 10-12noon

Wednesday 12th May - 10-12noon

Wednesday 26th May - 10-12noon

Looking at discipline, rewards and sanctions and effective praise.

Any interested parties should call Kirsty Hamer on: **0117 9478441**, or email:
bfp@bristolcommunitychurch.org

The Clocktower Association

Where Heritage meets the Community...

Boost Your Confidence
Explore Ways To Raise Your Self-Esteem
Tuesday Evenings 7pm-9pm
5 weeks starting **20th April 2010**



A free course, where, in a small friendly group you will:

- Find out more about self-confidence
- Explore your positive qualities and what you have to offer
- Learn how to improve your confidence
- Reflect on what you want to achieve in life

To enroll, call Maggie on: **01454 863836**



Crèche Services for Local Groups

The Clocktower Association is now offering crèche services to local groups at affordable rates. For more information call Jane on: **0117 967 1655**, or email: theclocktowerassociation@btinternet.com



Pyramid of Purpose/Development Plan Workshops
@ The Clocktower, Tower Road North, Warmley, BS30 8XU
These workshops are free.

These will be a series of 5 fun and practical workshops with trainer Vicky Harrison. Attendees will not just learn 'how to' but will produce the bones of a development plan at the end of the sessions. This will provide the foundation for long term sustainability and will make applying for funding far easier. Aims, objectives, outcomes, targets, milestones will all be clear. There will be 5 three hour sessions:

Session 1: Wednesday, April 28th, 2010, 10.00am-1pm

- What is a development plan?
- Completing a goals grid.
- Start on the Pyramid of Purpose.

Session 2: Wednesday, May 12th, 2010, 10.00am-1pm

- Complete Pyramids.
- Identify underpinning values.

Session 3: Wednesday, May 26th, 2010, 10.00am-1pm

- What is an outcome?
- Soft and hard outcomes.
- Design outcomes on a 3 year Planning Sheet.
- Start to learn the difference between milestones and targets.

Session 4: Wednesday, June 9th, 2010, 10.00am-1pm

- Completion of 3 year Planning Sheets.

Session 5: Wednesday, June 23rd, 2010, 10.00am-1pm

- Resources.
- What have we got/what do we need?
- Financial Projection.

To book: fill in the enclosed booking form or contact **Steph** at The Chase & Kings Forest Community Project on : **0117 9604186** or email: steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk.



Funding Sources

Capacity Builders - Skills Development Bursary

Develop the knowledge, skills and confidence you need to better support and inspire your volunteers and enhance the impact of your organisation. **From Monday 22 March**, Capacitybuilders is offering volunteer managers across England the opportunity to apply for a **skills development bursary up to £1950**. Each bursary will fully fund an approved skills development package, delivered regionally by experienced training providers and aligned to the national occupational standards in volunteer management.

There are three levels of access **tailored to suit your experience and role**, each with the option of nationally recognised accreditation and including **distance and online learning opportunities**. There are a limited number of bursaries available, so early application is advised.

FFI: visit www.capacitybuilders.org.uk/vmpskills

Concertina - Music Grants for Older People

The registered charity, Concertina makes grants to charitable bodies which provide musical entertainment and related activities for the elderly. The charity is particular keen to support smaller organisations which might otherwise find it difficult to gain funding. Since its inception in 2004, it has made grants to a wide range of charitable organisations nationwide in England and Wales. These include funds to many care homes for the elderly to provide musical entertainment for their residents. Some of the charities that have received grants from the charity include Age Concern, Exmouth which received a grant for entertainments for the elderly in Exmouth and surrounding areas and Golden Oldies, Bath - To help fund the provision of leaders for singing sessions for the elderly throughout the area. The next application deadline is the 30th April 2010.

Charities are invited to make an application to the Trustees via the Administrator. They need to provide details of their charity's objects, its financial position, the sector of the elderly community which it benefits, amount sought and proposed cultural activities or related facilities it intends to provide. The trustees review applications after the **deadlines** of: January 31, **April 30**, **June 30** and **October 31**. Applications need to be submitted in good time so the administrator can review them to ensure there are no omissions and that it is suitable before submission to the Trustees. One of the most common mistakes smaller organisations make is not including their accounts or financial statements with the application. This will result in an automatic refusal to grant funds.

FFI: contact Sally Dyson, the Administrator, on: **020 7976 5785**, by email: info@concertinamusic.org.uk or visit: www.concertinamusic.org.uk

Macmillan - Helping You Help Others programme

Through the Helping You Help Others programme, Macmillan, the national charity supporting people living with cancer, is inviting **new cancer self help** and support groups across the UK to apply for grants of **up to £500** to help with their initial development and promotion of service such as promotional costs: Printing (leaflets, stationary, newsletters etc.); Postage; Venue hire; Refreshments costs; Speaker fees, etc.

Start-up grants for new groups are assessed on a monthly basis from January through to December.

The **final closing date** for Start-up grant applications this year is **1 December 2010**.

Macmillan are also inviting **existing groups** to apply for grants of up to **£3,000** for their continuing development, for activities such as: Away days; Speaker's fees and associated costs such as travel; The purchase of group resources such as computers, laptops and display materials for use at information days.

The **closing dates** for grants to existing groups applications are: **2nd July 2010** and **29th October 2010**.

FFI: and to request an application pack, call: **020 7840 4936**, email:

resources@macmillan.org.uk, or visit:

www.macmillan.org.uk, click on 'How we can help', 'Cancer Support Groups', 'How we Support Your Group'.

Or contact the South and West England Co-ordinator, Paula Bond, on:

01264 343817, or by email: pbond@macmillan.org.uk

Nationwide Foundation Small Grants Programme

Through the small grants programme, the Nationwide Foundation makes grants of **up to £5,000** to registered charities with incomes of under £500,000, which fit the Nationwide Foundations' funding guidelines. Under its small Grants programme the Foundation currently makes grants in the following areas:

- Money Matters - which aims to tackle financial exclusion affecting disadvantaged groups across the UK. In particular the Foundation seeks to support survivors of domestic abuse to build their financial capability in order to help them live independently and achieve improved quality of life; and older people who face financial exclusion in order to help them achieve improved quality of life.
- Home Matters - which aims to address housing issues and homelessness among vulnerable groups in the UK. In particular support survivors of domestic abuse to live independently and achieve improved quality of life; and to support older people with their housing needs.

Applications to the Small Grants Programme can be made at any time.

FFI: Telephone: **01793 655113**, e-mail: enquiries@nationwidefoundation.org.uk or visit: www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/grants.asp#a2

NHS South Gloucestershire Local Grant Scheme - 2010/11

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 **28th May** 2010. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by Friday 25th June 2010. **Application forms** and guidance notes will be **available** from: **Monday 12th April** 2010.

FFI: Contact **Lindsey Thomas**, by calling: **0117 330 2422**, or emailing: lindsey.thomas@sglos-pct.nhs.uk

If you would like to discuss your ideas before submitting an application contact **Jane Kilpatrick** on: **0117 3302426**

O2 - Think Big

O2 has announced the launch of a new programme to support projects by young people (13 – 25) that have a positive impact upon their community or help address a social problem. The projects need to take place within 3 months of the application. The new programme “Think Big” will offer young people up to £300 in grants as well as training, support and mentoring from a number of youth charities. These include the National Youth Agency and UK Youth. Examples of projects that could be supported could include fighting knife crime, starting local youth groups, teaching skills to other young people or renovating community spaces. Eligible projects should be run by young people for young people, and may have the opportunity to apply for a further £2,500 to continue their work. Applications can be submitted by individual young people or groups of young people and can be submitted at any time.

FFI: www.o2thinkbig.co.uk

People's Postcode Trust

The People's Postcode Trust, a trust set up by the “People's Postcode Lottery” in April 2009, has announced that English and Scottish applications are now being accepted for their next round of funding. Funding of between **£500 and £10,000** (**£2,000** if not a registered charity) is available to small organisations and community groups operating in the areas of Poverty Prevention; Advancement of Health; Community Development; Public Sports; Human Rights; and Environmental Protection. Projects supported can last for up to 3 months. Examples of projects include: helping people of all ages to take part in community sport projects; setting up a local group to promote healthier lifestyles; developing an existing community service such as wildlife walks, playgrounds or

bicycle areas; mobility schemes or respite services to help people play a fuller part in local life; small buildings improvements, such as a kitchen, or computer room, to a community group's premises; educational projects to help educate or re-skill young people or adults; creating a shared garden for people who live in urban areas; purchase of sports equipment to improve standards and involve more people; activities to improve health or fitness such as aerobic classes for older people or football groups for children.

The **closing date** for applications is the **23rd April 2010**. The deadline date **may change** dependent on volume of applications; this will be updated on the site accordingly.

FFI: contact People's Postcode Trust's management team on **0131 555 7288 / 0131 554 8794** , email: info@postcodetrust.org.uk

Or visit:

www.postcodetrust.org.uk

South Gloucestershire Council - Safer & Stronger Community Groups Initiative Fund – 2010/11

The application process is open for activities/projects that contribute to the Council's Safer & Stronger priorities: These are: Improving community cohesion; Changing community perceptions; Reduction in crime/violent crime; Increase community engagement especially for people that feel excluded; Tackling drug or alcohol; Strengthening communities in relation to community safety; Tackling anti-social behaviour; Cleaner and safer environment; Improving quality of life. Funding of a maximum **£2,000** per successful project is available to: all voluntary & community sector organisations that are actively engaged with the Safer & Stronger Community Groups, (SSCG); the SSCG's for collective group action; and Other group partners that support the delivery of actions identified by the SSCG's, e.g. Police, Fire, PCT, T & P councils, Housing associations

All applications need to be **discussed, supported and endorsed** by the relevant Safer and Stronger Community Group, and signed off by the chair or acting chair of that group, before they are submitted. Electronically completed application forms are preferred and the community safety engagement officers (Jacqui Ward & Steve Shield) will be able to advise and support the applicants through the process. The decision making process takes approximately 12 weeks. The applicants will be informed in writing as soon as the decisions are finalised. The application process will be six monthly therefore, any under spend from the first round; will be added to the resource for the second round. The assessment panel will ensure that the investment is balanced across **all** SSCG's (SG) areas. Applications received will all be considered during the phase in which they are submitted. Unsuccessful applications from Phase One will **NOT** automatically be transferred to Phase Two.

Deadline dates: Phase One: 23rd April 2010; Phase Two: 24th September 2010

FFI: Jacqui Ward, Safer & Stronger Communities Officer by email on:

SSCG@southglos.gov.uk or visit:

<http://groups.southglos.gov.uk/connect.ti/kingswoodssg/view?objectId=1562800>

The Youth of Today Leadership Fund - Scaling Up

The Youth of Today Leadership Fund, which supports projects that enable young people aged 13 – 19 to make positive changes to their community has announced that round 3 and round 4 of its Scaling Up fund is now open for applications. The fund which is managed by the Young Foundation is open to small community and voluntary organisations that work with young people to scale up and expand their activities. Grants of between **£5,000** and **£20,000** are available for innovative projects that: Help more young people take on leadership roles in their community; Create more opportunities for young people to influence the decisions affecting them; Raise the quality of youth leadership opportunities; Enable small organisations to grow; Support innovative projects that are unlikely to find funding from other sources.

The application **deadline** for **round 3** is 12 noon on the **23rd April 2010** and for **round 4** (6 month projects only) the **23rd June 2010**. All grants awarded must be spent by March 2011.

FFI: email: fund@theyouthoftoday.org or visit:
www.the youthoftoday.org

Funding Information

Free Funding Databases

There are now a number of free funding databases:

NCVO Funding Central

Funding Central is a free website for all voluntary sector organisations, including community groups, providing access to funding and finance opportunities, along with tools and resources.

Visit: www.fundingcentral.org.uk to register.

Charities Information Bureau

Their web site contains a funding information database offering a free searchable facility for individual project searches and ready-to-go packs for particular themes, such as Sport, Health and Social Welfare. To register visit:

www.cibsouthandwest.org.uk

To register to receive Funding Updates,
Or if you are small or newly formed group and need help with an application
form call Steph on: 0117 9604186 or email:
steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk

We can now offer a photocopying service to groups. Please get in touch with Steph for more information.