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**COMMUNITY WORKING UPDATE****Community Grant 2010**

The Shropshire Community Fund is now open for applications. This is a capital grant scheme designed to help community led projects get funding for community buildings and facilities. The fund opened for applications on 1<sup>st</sup> March and will be open for applications until 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Two different grant pots are available, one pot is for grants of up to £10,000 and the second is for bigger projects and offers grants of between £10,000 and £50,000. In total £500,000 is available.

Anyone interested in applying for funding should contact their local Community Working Officer to see if their project is eligible for funding, the officer will also help you complete the application forms. Further details about the Community grant is on the Shropshire Council website at [www.shropshire.gov.uk/communityworking](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/communityworking)

**Charter for Shropshire Councils**

With the creation of Shropshire Council, following local government re-organisation in April 2009, there is a need for a new Charter between all councils in Shropshire. The original "Charter for Shropshire Councils" was created in 2004 and was adopted by the County Council, the five District and Borough Councils and a number of the 154 parish and town councils in Shropshire.

The new Shropshire Charter will assist in building further on the existing strong, collaborative partnership-working between the different councils in the county that between them represent all levels of democratic local government in Shropshire.

A draft Charter has been published and is now out for consultation. A copy of the Charter has been sent to all parish and town councils and a copy can be downloaded from the Shropshire Council website at [www.shropshire.gov.uk/communityworking](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/communityworking). If you have any comments on the Charter please send them to the Head of Community Working, Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND. Email [communityworking@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:communityworking@shropshire.gov.uk) by March 31st 2010

## **Vehicle Activated Signs Policy**

Shropshire Council adopted its Vehicle Activated Signs Policy in November 2009. This policy is used to assess where the installation of vehicle activated signs will help reduce speeding. The issue of speeding has been raised at a number of LJC meetings, and is of concern to many residents in rural areas.

Parishes who wish to have a vehicle activated sign in their area in a 30 or 40 mph area should contact Shropshire Council and request that they be considered. The Council is currently working through the list of requests, on a first come first served basis, to establish current speeds, suitability of location and cost breakdown.

Contact Alice Dilly [alice.dilly@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:alice.dilly@shropshire.gov.uk) Tel: 01743 255466

## **Future LJC applications**

If you would like more information about the Community Working team, the Local Joint Committee or would like help finding funding for a project please contact me via the details listed below.

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