



<u>Committee and date</u>

North East Shrewsbury LJC

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GRANT OUTCOMES 2008/09

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Summary

Prior to the North East Shrewsbury Local Joint Committee being established in July 2009, the Castlefields and Ditherington Neighbourhood Forum, which ended in March 2009, operated a small grants scheme. This report summarises the outcomes from the wide range of activities that were supported by the Forum

Recommendations

- A. That the outcomes of the Forum funded projects are noted

Report

Prior to the North East Shrewsbury Local Joint Committee being established in July 2009, the Castlefields and Ditherington Neighbourhood Forum, which ended in March 2009, operated a small grants scheme. We wrote to organisations who has benefited from the scheme and asked what impact the grant had on the local community.

Shrewsbury Friendly Neighbours £1,500

A friendship circle was established which has over 20 members who were able to make new friends, meet regularly and go on outings. (The Co ordinator is attending the LJC meeting and will give further information on this popular and successful proect)

Castlefields Allotment Association £2,400

The Association refurbished an old shed which provides a place for the members to meet, organise events and socialise, giving the allotment a community focal point

Castlefields Cyber Café £400

A new computer, with more memory and a larger screen was purchased, making it ideal for Silver Surfers.

Mount Pleasant Primary School £4,500

A popular breakfast Club operated for a year at the Infant School (£2,500)

£2,000 allocated to the Junior School for the cross country course has been banked but not yet spent, pending a decision on where a new school building is to be developed. It is recommended that we write to the school noting the situation but seeking an assurance that the funding will ultimately be used for outdoor recreational purposes.

Just Ask Football Team £178

£178 enabled local youngsters to compete in the LULU football League.

Castlefields Community Hall £2,000

Enabled new seating to be provided as part of the refurbishment of the hall.

Ditherington Youth Club £1,300

£1,300 was allocated to provide equipment including a Wii and a TV and secure storage.

Martin Wilson School

£3,215 was provided to contribute towards improving the playground.

Through the Doorway £2,400

The grant was awarded to help towards an activity club for 8-12 year olds. Unfortunately for a number of reasons the take up was poor and the unspent allocation of £2,064 was subsequently returned to the council

Forum Funday 2008 £1,000

Up to £1,000 was allocated towards a Forum Funday, held at the Fire Station. The event proved popular with residents and as a result a similar event in September 2009 was held.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Local Joint Committee Constitution and Financial Guidelines.

Human Rights Act Appraisal

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998.

Environmental Appraisal

Due Consideration has been given.

Risk Management Appraisal

In determining these recommendations, Shropshire Council has considered reputational risk and the course of action minimises this risk.

Community / Consultations Appraisal

Consideration has been given to the public opinion expressed at the previous Local Meeting.

Cabinet Member

N/A

Local Member

Alan Mosley

Appendices

Not applicable.