

Letter to Chairs of all Shrewsbury Local Joint Committees

Dear Colleague

REQUEST RE: COMMUNITY ARTS FUNDING

I am contacting you as Chairman of the Shrewsbury-wide Local Joint Committee in the hope that you could consider a request at your next Local Joint Committee meeting. In April 2011 the Community Arts grant funding was included in the Local Joint Committee funding allocations. In Shrewsbury, this amounted to £8,991, and was split as follows:

LJC 11	£1,570
LJC 12	£1,534
LJC 13	£1,202
LJC 14	£1,588
LJC 15	£1,486
LJC 27	£1,612

You'll be aware that in setting up the Shrewsbury wide Local Joint Committee, a 30% top-slice of the Shrewsbury Local Joint Committee funds was allocated to the Shrewsbury-wide LJC for Shrewsbury wide projects. However, this didn't include any of the Community Arts funding. Nevertheless, at the first Shrewsbury-wide meeting, we supported two projects, one of which was for the Shrewsbury Open Studios Visual Arts project. The next Shrewsbury-wide LJC meeting is on 10th November, and the closing date for receipt of applications is 30th September. Already funding requests exceed the funds available. Many of the applications are for arts related projects, and I am therefore contacting you in the hope that if you have not yet committed all your arts funding locally, you could consider allocating some or all of it to the Shrewsbury-wide LJC to help support arts projects which are being developed on a Shrewsbury-wide basis. Of the sixteen applications so far received, the following are arts related:

- Shrewsbury Amateur Operatic Society – support for 2012 production of Titanic. £6,000 requested. Further information being sought
- St Chad's Festival 2012. £1,250 requested.
- Shropshire Scribes exhibition. £600 requested.
- Shrewsbury and Shropshire Waterways and Leisure Group – support for River Festival. £5,000 requested
- Shrewsbury Christmas events (light switch on involving choirs and bands). £2,000 requested
- Circus Arts and Street theatre. £2,000 requested
- Shrewsbury Youth Theatre. £2,500 requested

- Shropshire Music Trust – enquiry received, no application yet
- Shropshire Music in Mind – enquiry received, no application yet

Do contact me if you want more information on any of these requests. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

P. Nutting
Chairman, Shrewsbury Local Joint Committee

Cc Gill Jones, Gwyn Bevan, Jenny Smith