



February 2010 Edition

Introduction

LSP News; a quick and simple update of the latest news and events in and around the District from your Local Strategic Partnership members.

I hope you are able to take five minutes to update yourselves with all the latest LSP news and information, and to forward this newsletter to any colleagues who may also be interested.

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Key dates for your diary – February & March

LSP Board Meeting

Thursday 25th February @ 6.30pm
Council Chamber, St Albans City & District Council Offices

Your Care, Your Choice Conference (Adult Care Services)

Thursday 25th February, 9.30am – 15.30pm
The Vineyard, Brick Knoll Park, Ashley Road Industrial Estate
[Link to flyer](#)

Active St Albans Conference

Monday 15th March, 6.00 – 9.00pm
OA Sport, Woollam Playing Fields, Harpenden Road, St Albans

Listening to Carers

Tuesday 23rd March, 10.00am – 3.00pm
Council Chamber, St Albans City & District Council Offices
west.team@carersinherts.org.uk



Targeting Change Fund - 27 projects short listed

The Targeting Change Fund announced at the community conference invited applications from local organisations and groups who want to work in partnership with others in the public, private and voluntary sectors to deliver projects which address the gap areas in the Community Strategy and will make a real difference for local communities.

By the application deadline we had received almost 50 applications outlining a range of interesting and diverse projects, and these were checked and scored against the listed criteria by both LSP officers and the theme partnerships/project groups to arrive at a recommended shortlist.

Shortlisted applicants have now been notified and further detail requested to inform the final decisions which will be taken by the Management Committee by the end of February.

For those who were not successful in getting a grant this time, we have made every attempt to offer support in other ways whether it be working with LSP Officers to develop ideas, referring them onto partner agencies or helping them look for alternative funding options.

The LSP Management Committee have been impressed and delighted by the range and quality of applications received, and hope to be able to make any unallocated funds from 2010 available through a similar process for 2011. An update on whether funds will be available in this way will be given at the LSP Community Conference in October 2010.

For further information please contact Jane Pearce, LSP Coordinator, Policy & Partnerships
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Move on – move in: Pre-tenancy workshops a first for the district

A pre-tenancy workshop designed to help people who may move into social housing, was jointly run by St Albans City and District Council and Oaklands College as a pilot scheme.

The first five-week course to be run in the district ended on Tuesday 2 February, with a ceremony where participants were presented with certificates.

The course covered literacy, numeracy, healthy eating, money management, managing your tenancy and careers advice. It is considered best practice to offer such courses to reduce the number of tenancies which fail or encounter problems.

Following the success of the pilot scheme, there are now plans to run a further course this summer and three more in the next academic year. These will be publicised closer to the time.

Anyone who thinks they may be eligible to go on such a course should contact the Council's housing department via e-mail: housing@stalbans.gov.uk or telephone: 01727 819382 or Oaklands College via e-mail: Branka.Platten@oaklands.ac.uk or telephone: 01727 737154 for further information.



Licensing Compliance Officers to help reduce crime and disorder

Two Licensing Compliance Officers have been appointed to check that licensed premises are complying with the terms of their licences as part of a move to help reduce crime and disorder in St Albans City and District.

The two officers will also check that hackney carriage and private hire vehicles are operating within the terms of their licences.

The posts are being funded for a six-month trial period by St Albans City and District Council and Hertfordshire Constabulary, as part of the St Albans Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

The Licensing Compliance Officers will work mainly on Friday and Saturday evenings between 9pm and 4am supporting the police with their operations, providing guidance to licensees and licensed taxi drivers and operating as a point of contact for residents who may be concerned about pubs contravening the terms of their licences.

Their focus will be on reducing crime and disorder in hot spots identified via monthly assessments conducted by the Partnership.

More information about the Partnership is available at: <http://www.stalbanscsp.org.uk/aboutus.htm>

St Albans Community Safety Partnership Plan – Consultation

The Community Safety Partnership has conducted an annual review of the levels of crime and disorder in the District. The review has indicated where the Partnership believes its priorities should be in 2010/11.

The Community Safety Partnership will be continuing to build a safer St Albans through addressing these four key aims;

- Preventing and reducing crime
- Preventing and reducing anti social behaviour
- Protecting vulnerable people
- Promoting the work of the partnership and increasing public confidence.

Your Chance to Comment

You are invited to comment on the Community Safety Partnership's key priorities. For the full consultation document and information on how to submit your comments go to www.stalbanscsp.org.uk. Or telephone us on **01727 819305**.

The Deadline for responses is Friday 5th March 2010.



Dragons' Apprentice Award Night

CVS Connect St Albans invites you to their award night

March 17th at the University of Hertfordshire from 6 – 8 pm.

We pinched the Dragon from TV's Dragon's Den and the other from TV's The Apprentice to create a unique local project which saw three St Albans businesses giving £100 each to three teams of students from St Columba's School with instructions to "take our money and make it grow to support a charity of your choice". The business sponsorship included marketing, financial and business management and mentoring to help the boys plan and achieve somewhere in the region of £1000 for their charity. We can only say "somewhere in the region" as the final figures will be revealed at the awards ceremony on Wednesday March 17th.

Money making schemes selected by the boys include music events, rugby coaching for youngsters and bag packing at a local retailer with all profits going directly to their chosen

charity - this years beneficiaries are Home-Start, Herts Young Homeless Group and the Volunteer Centre.

2010 Dragons are Deloitte, Serena Software and Premier Foods who will be congratulated for their participation at the awards night and they will be encouraging more businesses to get involved in the 2011 Dragons' Apprentice.

For further details contact Wendy Henrys on wendy@cvsstalbans.org.uk



Kick-start project launched for 18 – 24 year olds

Following the success of the Executive Forum launched last year for out of work local senior executives, Oaklands College has launched a similar programme for young people between the ages of 18 and 24 who have been unemployed for 6 months or less.

The Kickstart Project is a 6 week programme designed to offer practical skills, information and guidance aimed at helping young people get back into employment as quickly as possible. This new service is provided completely free of charge and will be held at various venues across the district. Further details of the programme can be found on the link below.

If any members of the LSP can offer their support by providing either a suitable venue or a guest speaker, please email Janet.Crafton@oaklands.ac.uk or call her on 01727 899527.

<http://www.oaklands.ac.uk>



Young people from St Albans celebrate achievement awards

23 Young people from Wheathampstead Youth Project Celebrate Achievement

Awards for outstanding contributions and fund raising.

23 young people from Wheathampstead Youth Project attended a presentation on Thursday 14th January 2010 to celebrate their achievement through involvement with Youth Connexions Hertfordshire. The Right Worshipful Major of St Albans City and District, Cllr Chris Oxley, presented certificates and shared words of encouragement as the young people received recognition for their efforts in a range of skills and knowledge areas. In addition, the event acknowledged the young people's outstanding contributions to the Youth Project and Wheathampstead Village for raising funds for equipment which contribute to the positive activities available to local young people.

For more information on Wheathampstead Youth project and other activities for young people get in touch with Youth Connexions on 01442 454060 or visit the Children's Trust Partnership website: www.channelmogo.org

For further information contact Matthew Green, 01442 454060, matthew.green@hertscc.gov.uk



Safer Neighbourhoods Hertfordshire Police Authority Awards 2010

If you know someone – perhaps a neighbour, colleague, voluntary group, police officer or PCSO – who deserves an award for the work they have done to make your neighbourhood even safer, then we would like to hear from you.

This year's Safer Neighbourhood Awards have been launched to recognise outstanding contributions to creating a safer Hertfordshire and reassuring communities during the past year, with nominations open until 5th March 2010.

For each award, there will be up to 10 regional winners selected to go forward to the county final in June. If you have nominated a heat winner you will also be invited to enjoy the celebrations at the county final Awards Ceremony.

Please select a category to fill out your nomination on line: -

[Neighbourhood Police Officer of the Year Award 2010](#)

[Police Community Support Officer \(PCSO\) of the Year Award 2010](#)

[Neighbourhood Policing Team of the Year Award 2010](#)

[Community Safety Citizen's Safety Award 2010](#)



Active St Albans Conference 2010

Active St Albans, the Community Sport & Physical Activity Network for the City & District of St Albans, is running its first annual conference on Monday 15th March 2010 (6-9pm).

The conference will focus on ways that more opportunities can be offered to local people to get active, along with what more Active St Albans can do for local clubs/organizations.

As well as having your say on local issues, every attendee will automatically be entered into a prize draw to win one of the following (attendees must be present at conference to win prize):

- **A £250 grant to help develop your club/organisation**
- **Tickets to Saracens vs. Harlequins at Wembley Stadium**
- **Tickets to Watford FC vs. Reading at Vicarage Road**

This is a must-attend event if you're a local club/organisation with an interest in developing local sport and/or physical activity

in the St Albans district. Up to 2 representatives from each club/organisation can attend, both of whom have the chance to win one of the above prizes - and as a bonus there's a light buffet for everyone!!

Want to attend? Just follow this link for further information and booking details.

<http://www.activestalbans.com/>



Hertfordshire's Economic Development Strategy - consultation on draft

Hertfordshire's new economic partnership Hertfordshire Works, agreed at its inaugural meeting in March 2009 that a new economic strategy be produced for the county.

The draft strategy is focused on a high-level economic vision and on the key objectives that emerged from the visioning workshop held in July: Wider soundings were taking during September and October and the draft strategy was launched for formal consultation at the Hertfordshire Forward Conference held on the 6 November 2009.

The formal consultation period will last until **26th February** with a view to formal adoption by the Hertfordshire Works board in March 2010.

see full [Draft Economic Strategy document](#)



Hertfordshire's Community Cohesion Strategy – consultation on draft

Hertfordshire Forward partners have developed a draft Community Cohesion strategy that builds on the current good levels of cohesion across the county, whilst also acknowledging the need to tackle issues

such as inequality and deprivation in some areas.

As part of the ongoing consultation, organisations can give their views of the draft strategy and whether there are any gaps.

Please see the link below that will take you to the Stronger Communities page on the Herts Forward website which is hosting the draft strategy and consultation form.

<http://www.hertslink.org/hertfordshireforward/15communitystrategy/safstroncom/14078356/14145484/>

Email your comments in the form document to Hertfordshire.Forward@hertscc.gov.uk by **Friday March 12th**.

Any problems then please contact:-

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Public Health report 2009 now available

The 2009 Annual Public Health report for West Hertfordshire is now available to download from the west Herts PCT website:

<http://www.wherts-pct.nhs.uk/Category.asp?cat=1190>



Chamber Business Lunch with Ken Clarke

Friday 5th March - A Business Summit Lunch with Ken Clarke MP 1.00pm
Old Albanian Sports Club, Harpenden Road, St Albans AL3 6BB

Guest of Anne Main MP, Ken Clarke Member of Parliament for Rushcliffe, former Chancellor of the Exchequer and current Shadow Secretary of State for Business will

be speaking and taking your questions on the economy and the future of business in the UK at this Chamber Luncheon very kindly sponsored by **Deloitte** .

For further details:

<http://www.stalbans-chamber.co.uk/events/>



Info Digest for the third sector

The February Info Digest is now available – a monthly news round up of strategic information and policy development affecting the third sector.

For the February edition please use the following link:-

http://www.cvsstalbands.org.uk/cvsstalbands/documents/Info_Digest_February_2010.pdf

For more information about your local third sector contact us or visit www.cvsstalbands.org.uk or www.hertscvs.org.uk

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