



June 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 – June & July

Drinks reception to launch the Targeting Change projects

Thursday 10th June, 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Council Chamber, St Albans City & District Council Offices

LSP Board Meeting

Thursday 10th June @ 7.00pm

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Oaklands Summer Fayre

Sunday 13th June, 10.00am – 4.00pm

Oaklands College Smallford Campus

Oaklands World of Food Festival 2010

Saturday 19th June, Midday – 5.00pm

Oaklands College Smallford Campus

Festival of Life 2010

Sunday 4th July, 12.00pm – 4.00pm

Market, St Peter's Street, St Albans



Performance Reward Grant

The first of two instalments of the PRG funding has been distributed to District LSP's by Hertfordshire County Council and total's £434k to each of the 10 Districts in year 1. This money will be allocated to projects across the District in the following ways as agreed by the Board in October 2009:-

- Targeting Change Fund bidding process for local, community based projects – rolled out at Community Conference 2009 (approx £200k will be allocated in this way over the next two years)
- Strategic Commissioning of a few 'big ideas' across the district - the LSP have identified 11 'big ideas' for commissioning to be developed over the coming months and submitted to the Board for consideration as they are finalised in more detail (approx £400k will be allocated to these large scale projects over the next two years)>>

Targeting Change Fund – 28 projects underway

The Targeting Change Fund announced at the 2009 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.

Following a detailed short listing and recommendation process 28 projects have received formal offers for grants of between £2,000 and £10,000 and these projects will be rolling out across the District over the next few months. The funding allocated to these projects totals over £200k over two years.

For details of the projects approved <http://www.stalbanslsp.org.uk/aboutus/targetingchange fund.aspx>

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.

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Dragons' Apprentice Award Night

When you combine TV's Dragon's Den with The Apprentice you get Dragons' Apprentice! A fund raising initiative matching the business know how of local 'Dragons': Deloitte, Serena Software and Premier Foods with the energy of three teams of 'Apprentices' from St Columba's College. Their aim was to raise money for three local charities; Home-Start, Herts Young Homeless Group and St Albans Volunteer Centre.

The three student teams each picked a charity and were allocated a Dragon. Jointly the Dragons and charities invested £100 and offered advice on how to manage the projects and make the money grow. Music events, bag packing at Morrison's supermarket, a sponsored row across the channel (from the comfort of the school gym!), and a raffle raised an astonishing £2,445 >>

See full article as well as other CVS updates at <http://www.hertscvs.org.uk/newsletter.asp>



UK Youth Parliament

In October 2009, nineteen young people from across the Hertfordshire attended Breaks Manor Youth Centre in Hatfield to stand as one of the twelve county representatives for the UK Youth Parliament. Manifestos were

recorded and subsequently shown on channelmogo to enable young people to view the statements and vote accordingly. Over 11,000 votes were cast through schools and youth projects during a four week period over January and February 2010.

The election results were announced at County Hall on Saturday 13th February and we are delighted to report that three young people from St Albans District were elected; Josh Molloy, 15 (who attends Marlborough School and is a member of St Albans Youth Council) was re-elected, securing his place for a further year, together with newcomers Lizzie Lean and Chinye Obi (both 13 from Loreto College).

To enable the MYP's to consult with other groups within St Albans and ensure the views and opinions of as many young people as possible are represented, Mrs Alex Ferguson, Youth Support Worker for Youth Connexions Hertfordshire, will be the lead support within the District. If you would like further information about the Youth Parliament, please contact Alex on 01442 454060 or alexandra.ferguson@hertscc.gov.uk



West Hertfordshire

NHS Hertfordshire

From Thursday 1st April 2010, West Herts PCT and East and Herts PCT will combine to become **NHS Hertfordshire**.

Both the PCT and Hertfordshire Community Health Services will have a new email address for their staff. The format for both organisations is as follows:

firstname.surname@hertfordshire.nhs.uk or firstname.surname@hchs.nhs.uk

Emails sent to our old email address will continue for a period of time >>

For more information visit <http://www.hertfordshire.nhs.uk/>



Million pound start to transport plans

The partnership has secured £935,000 from the Department of Transport's Kickstart funding, which is allocated to areas where new or enhanced bus services are required. This money will be used to increase the frequency of some bus services (including the S1-5 services) and buy new buses. Residents should see new bus timetables and improved services from autumn 2010.

In addition, Network St Albans has also secured £470,000 in funding from the European Regional Development Fund, via the East of England Development Agency and in partnership with Suffolk County Council. The European funding will be used to work with businesses in St Albans to give their employees incentives to use public transport and towards the provision of increased passenger information. Running alongside this, other funding is supporting improvements such as additional bus shelters and highway improvement measures >>

For more information about the plan visit <http://www.eeda.org.uk/erdf.asp>



Safer Neighborhoods – Flytipping Redbourn

Neighbourhood officers in Redbourn, working with partners at St Albans City and District Council, are taking proactive action to beat fly-tipping in the area.

Tackling fly-tipping is a neighbourhood policing priority for officers, set in agreement with residents and continuing on from last year. This year officers are taking the following action:

- Conducting high visibility patrols
- Running Automatic Numberplate Recognition (ANPR) operations to target illegal motorists
- Targeting known hotspot areas in Redbourn

- Working closely with those in the Environment and Planning Department to eradicate the problem and, where necessary, prosecute anyone responsible
- Taking positive enforcement action by checking heavy-load vehicles have disposal permits or certificates to take refuse to designated sites >>

For more information about flytipping visit http://www.stalbans.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/street-care-and-cleaning/latest_news.aspx



Building Better Boards

Building Better Boards: Charities Find Trustees with Talents for Strong Future

On Monday, April 19th forty six potential volunteer trustees met with nineteen local charities to find the perfect match for their professional skills with charity management vacancies to **Build Better Boards**.

The Centre for Voluntary Service, drew on the success of their 'speed matching' events which matched generic volunteers to local groups, saw potential volunteer trustees move between organisations to find the best match for the skills they hold.

At the end of the evening, the potential trustees chose which charity groups they would like to meet again and the CVS will support them through induction and training stages >>

For a copy of the full press release contact Wendy Henrys at wendy@cvsstalban.org.uk



Carers in Herts

Carers Week 2010 is taking place in June – find out what Carers in Hertfordshire is doing to celebrate this year's event and raise awareness of carers in the county in our special Carers Week 2010 [flyer](#).

For more information visit <http://www.carersinherts.org.uk/>



Jubilee Community Centre opens its doors after a makeover

A new community hub in St Albans is opening its doors to the public in the Jubilee Centre in Catherine Street after staff from the food manufacturer, Premier Foods, helped give the building a facelift.

The Jubilee Community Centre is a place where local residents can hold events, take part in activities and receive advice and guidance from local community groups. A joint venture between St Albans City and District Council and Hertfordshire Community Meals (HCM), the facility offers five meeting rooms, which can be booked by community groups, voluntary organisations and private individuals for a fee.

Sixty employees from Premier Foods head office, which is based in St Albans, spent at least three hours each painting and decorating the meeting rooms and refitting a kitchen that can be used by people who have booked the rooms. As part of its corporate social responsibility and management development programmes, the manufacturer of brands such as Hovis and Mr Kipling, gave its staff £7,500 to project manage the refurbishment of the rooms >>

<http://www.stalbans.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/press-room/items/2010/May-2010/jubileecommunitycentremakeover.aspx>



Abbey Line

Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) and The Department for Transport (DfT) want to increase the frequency of services on the local rail line between Watford Junction and St Albans Abbey stations (the 'Abbey Line'). The two organisations are currently working together to develop a scheme to enable this to happen.

The proposal is to convert the Abbey Line to light rail, which means that the line will run a tram-like service rather than traditional heavy rail. This will bring significant benefits to the traveling public; in particular a more frequent service and a timetable that is easier to remember>>

See the full article, as well as, frequently asked questions at www.dft.gov.uk/abbeyline



Summer Fayre

Set on our Smallford Campus, the Summer Fayre is a real community event spread over 260 acres of picturesque countryside with a wide range of activities and events for everyone, including fun fair, pony rides, craft stalls, plant sales, live bands, fashion show, tank rides, sports competitions, mini beauty treatments and more. FREE entry and parking.

http://www.oaklands.ac.uk/about/events/docs/events_207.aspx

World Food Festival

Celebrate food, music and culture from around the world at this FREE to enter event.

Activities on the day include food stalls and tasters, live cooking demonstrations, live music and entertainment, children's activities and outdoor displays. The event is a partner of Relay For Life – Supporting Cancer Research UK.

http://www.oaklands.ac.uk/about/events/docs/events_262.aspx

Both events will take place at the Smallford Campus, Hatfield Road, St Albans, AL4 0JA
Saturday 19th June 2010
Midday – 5:00pm

For further information please contact kahled.hassan@oaklands.ac.uk tel 01727 899695.



Take a stall at the St Albans Festival of Life 2010

Come along and join in the St Albans Festival of Life – a celebration of the positive contribution that the community makes towards the protection of the environment, the health of local residents, the arts and sport.

Free market stalls are being made available for local organisations, clubs and groups to talk about and demonstrate their involvement with the environment, health, arts and sport at the event, which is being organised by St Albans City and District Council and is taking place in the Market, St Peter's Street, St Albans on 4th July, between 12 noon and 4pm.

The aim is to provide lots for visitors to do and see, with interactive market stalls, competitions, prizes and demonstrations >>

<http://www.stalbans.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/press-room/items/2010/May-2010/takeastallatstalbanfestivaloflife.aspx#0>



Activities for 5-19 year olds

In an effort to create a 'one stop shop' for parents and young people to view local summer holiday provision, relevant pages are being created on www.stalbans.gov.uk for all 5-19 year olds.

If you'd like to advertise your activities through this facility then [click here to complete our template](#), complete it as fully

as possible (this will increase your chances of young people being attracted to it and reduce potential questions from parents) and return to chris.gregory@leisureconnection.co.uk. You may also want to utilise the Herts-wide 'Channel Mogo' website to advertise your activities by visiting www.mogozout.org and add your listing.

Templates will be accepted up until Monday 26th July but it may take up to 5 working days to upload the information.

Please limit your entries to projects taking place within the City and District of St Albans and complete a separate template for each project. If you have any questions or require assistance then please contact Chris Gregory on chris.gregory@leisureconnection.co.uk or 01727 827667.



St Albans grounds maintenance company given police accreditation

Employees of a company which maintains the parks and open spaces in St Albans city and district have been given powers to help beat anti-social behaviour in the areas they work.

Four employees of John O'Conner (Grounds Maintenance) Ltd, a company based in Welwyn, were accredited during a ceremony today (May 25) at Hertfordshire Constabulary Headquarters in Welwyn Garden City.

They will now have the power to demand the name and address of anyone they see involved in anti-social behaviour. They can then pass this information on to police to help them further drive down these kinds of offences >>

http://www.herts.police.uk/crimedatabase/site/content.php?article_id=8375

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