

Targeting Change Fund

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Left to right: Sharon Savage Aldwyck Housing Group, Councillor Robert Donald Chair of the Local Strategic Partnership, Paul Sands Extended Schools Coordinator



The Targeting Change Fund, launched at the Local Strategic Partnership's (LSP) community conference in October 2009, received 47 applications for a share of the £213,000.

The LSP were impressed and delighted by the range and quality of the 47 applications received and found it a real challenge to reduce this to a shortlist.

On 10 June there was a reception to celebrate the 28 successful applications. These include a number of sports and activity schemes for all ages, money matters advice and drama sessions for older people, children's concerts, a volunteer police cadet scheme, a neighbourhood volunteering programme and development of a community garden.

Overall the Local Strategic Partnership has allocated £213,000 over the next two years to deliver these community projects.

There is a list below of all the projects that received grants but some examples are highlighted here:-

It's our Oysterfields

A project to be delivered jointly by Aldwyck Housing Group and Groundwork in partnership with residents of the Oysterfields Estate, aims to empower residents to take ownership of their neighbourhood and to actively improve their environment through 'volunteering' projects which will benefit the whole community. The project will create a sense of community pride and cohesion, whilst providing the opportunity to develop skills and friendships.

Contact for further information: Emma-Jane Wallington, Head of Community Involvement, Aldwyck Housing Group, Tel: 01582 869139.

Fundays for Young People with Moderate / Severe Learning Disabilities

The aim is to provide five fundays across the District for young people with moderate or severe learning difficulties, and their siblings. Activities will include football, cricket, dance, music, arts and crafts etc. Young people can choose different activities every hour and siblings will have no caring responsibilities during the day.

Contact for further information: Paul Sands, Extended Schools Coordinator for Redbourn and Villages Extended Network of Schools (RAVENS) 01582 626727.

Sustainable Schools Ambassadors

This project aims to bring young people and teachers together from across the District's schools with the aim of making our schools more sustainable. The project will facilitate

the training of 2 ambassadors per school over the next 2 years and provide support to them and their teachers in carrying out relevant activities.

Contact for further information: Helen Gosnell, Sir John Lawes school, 01582 760043.

There are projects aimed at addressing each of the gap areas identified in the Sustainable Community Strategy with something for everyone across the District. Project details are available on the LSP website www.stalbanslsp.org.uk together with contact details, should you or your organisation want to get involved.

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Notes:

St Albans and District Local Strategic Partnership (LSP)

The LSP is an organisation made up of representatives from public, private, voluntary and community sectors. It is not exclusively made up of either the District Council, the Chamber of Commerce, the NHS or the County Council, but is a unique partnership between these organisations and others established to work towards a more prosperous and pleasant community in this part of Hertfordshire.

The shape and the direction of the St Albans and District LSP has been shaped by contributions from the public, and the partnership's task is to deliver and implement the Sustainable Community Strategy improving the quality of life in the district, and making it a better place to live, learn, work and visit.