

## HACVS E-bulletin Number 39

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Dear members,

- 1 Gill Daniel, Environmental Co-ordinator has sent a message about Fuel Poverty: In the four months between 1st December 2008 and 31st March 2009 there were an estimated 36,000 excess winter deaths across the country. The underlying cause was exposure to cold; this includes people living in cold homes. In the Horsham District there are approximately 5,040 (9%) fuel poor households. Rising energy prices combined with the current financial climate may leave many struggling to pay their fuel bills this winter. If you visit people in their homes please take a moment to read this leaflet. It tells you how to spot the signs of a fuel poor home, and what help is available for them. It could make a real difference to someone this winter. Excess winter deaths can be prevented. She has a few hard copies of this leaflet. If you would like one please let her know.  
**Attachment:** Fuel\_Poverty\_leaflet
- 2 Forge House has been asked to be the main contact for the Storrington Community Church Lord's Larder requests from statutory agencies. The Lords' Larder is a free and anonymous support service that provides emergency food for people in short term financial crisis eg benefits haven't kicked in, off sick from work and no sick pay, etc etc. At the moment Helen Winewood from WSCC Voluntary Sector Community Liason & Development Officer has been the main point of contact through ICIS (an info service) for the statutory agencies. Over the past few weeks they have been using this service successfully with the Church and have helped a number of individuals and families. It's a great support for people and very much appreciated.
- 3 1,217 trees planted at Southwater Country Park: please find a news item and photos of the recent tree planting at Southwater Country Park from Horsham District Council.  
**Attachments:** S\_Trees & Treeoclock & Treeoclock2
- 4 Review of town centre car parking: please find a news item from Horsham District Council. **Attachment:** Car\_Park\_Rev09
- 5 A copy of the Carers UK December Newsletter is attached. This link will take you to their website <http://www.carersuk.org/Home> where you can sign up to receive your own free copy. **Attachment:** Newsletter

- 6 As you're probably already aware Sport Unlimited is a Sport England funding source administered by the Sussex County Sports Partnership that aims to get 'semi-sporty' kids (5-19 years) more active (ie contributing to the 5-hour offer), semi-sporty kids being the 50% band between the sporty types (30%) and non-sporty (20%). For further details see the [attachment](#): Sport\_Unlimited\_funding\_opportunity
- 7 Here is an invitation to meet the leading statutory, lottery and trust funders at 'Funding the Future 2010' at Central Hall Westminster, Wednesday 10th February. For further details see the [attachment](#): Funding\_the\_Future\_2010
- 8 The go ahead has been given for a new exciting art project called Recycled Art in Horsham. Please see attached poster for details and an updated summary sheet showing all Horsham courses. [Attachment](#): Courses
- 9 For information on the Women's Wisdom "Walk in & Talk" in Portsmouth, see the [attached](#) Press\_Release

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