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NEWS FROM OUR OFFICE

We continue to work with the 'ChangeUp' Steering Group in West Sussex and the 'Additional Support Programme' seeking to identify hard to reach groups. The final draft of the Infrastructure Development Plan (IDP) for West Sussex has been produced. This is a living document and will change and adapt where appropriate. Log on to www.horsham.co.uk/hacvs and click on Bulletins to view the both IDP and the Additional Support Programme.

Our member organisations will benefit directly from this work and the additional funding that HACVS hope to be able to attract. If successful we will be providing a one to one development worker to help you improve the functionality of your organisation.

The work done as part of the ChangeUp research has identified the urgent need to improve 'Information Communication Technology' (ICT) within Voluntary and Community Organisations (VCO). Our first step to aiding that improvement is to promote the use of ICT, to provide resources and training so that over the next few years we establish better communication links between ourselves, our members and our stakeholders.

Working with 'Sussex Community Internet Project' (SCIP) we have arranged six half day courses to help organisations make better use of their computers and IT. These will take place in September and October and full details and a booking form are contained within this newsletter.

PHOENIX STROKE CLUB – A NEW VENTURE

The Phoenix Stroke Club is a social club which opens on Tuesday and Wednesday and is currently used mainly by older stroke survivors. They want to start a new group for younger stroke survivors and need to hear from organisations and individuals who would like to be involved. Stroke is often thought to only affect older people, however a quarter (27,000) of strokes happen to people under 65 years of age at a time in their lives when careers and families are being established. The Phoenix Club feel that current services are not tailored to meet their needs.

Many stroke survivors feel isolated and vulnerable after leaving hospital yet these services are crucial in determining whether or not a stroke survivor has the skills and confidence they need to have a chance of going back to work. Younger stroke survivors have pressure and responsibilities on them such as young children, domestic chores, work and financial issues that are different from the issues facing older patients.

They also want to hear what younger stroke survivors want and need so they can provide them with a club which meets those needs.

Ideas might include: Going out to the pub or cinema, learning new skills such as computing or cooking, taking up a new hobby or getting back to an old one or developing work related skills.

If you are interested or know someone who might be please contact Lucy on 01403 268130 or via email on lucy.phoenix@tiscali.co.uk

FIBROMYALGIA SUPPORT GROUP FOR SURREY AND SUSSEX

Fibromyalgia Syndrome (FMS) was, until comparatively recently, a little known-about condition. It is a chronic musculo-skeletal pain and fatigue disorder for which the cause is still not fully understood. Fibromyalgia not only means chronic pain in various parts of the body but fatigue, disturbed sleep, and at times, mental confusion known as Fibro Fog which are all symptoms of the condition!

A new DVD has been released to provide the latest research into the syndrome. You should see this film to hear the real story. "Fibromyalgia – Show Me Where It Hurts", made by Angler Biomedical Technologies, in the USA, is available from the Fibromyalgia Support Group for Surrey & Sussex - 14 Singleton Road, Broadbridge Heath, Horsham RH12 3NP for £17.99 plus £1 packing and postage. Please send a cheque for £18.99 made out to "FMS SAS".

HORSHAM MUSIC CIRCLE**Exciting new season starts on September 16th.**

Horsham Music Circle, a registered charity, presents its 65th annual season of varied and stimulating concerts and recitals, bringing to Horsham artists of national and inter-national standing. Concerts are open to everyone, but a subscription season ticket offers a substantial reduction on individual Box Office prices. Their programme includes:

Sat. 16 th Sept.	The Barkham Quartet – 4 girls/4 harps
Weds. 18 th Oct.	Benjamin Grosvenor – Keyboard winner, BBC Young Musician 2004
Fri. 17 th Nov.	Quintetto – chamber music at its best
Sat. 6 th Jan.*	New Year Viennese Concert
Sat. 17 th Feb.	The City Waites – the exuberance of an early travelling band
Sat. 17 th March	Goldstone & Clemmow – four hands at two pianos
Fri. 29 th April	David Childs & Harvey Davies – horn & piano recital
Sat. 12 th May	Armonico Consort – Baroque and Renaissance music
Sat. 9 th June	The Fujitas – chamber music



A full subscription for the eight concerts (excl.*) is £85 (adult); £80 (senr. & student); £12 (under 16). A "Half" subscription for any four concerts (excl.*) is also available. *In Jan they are repeating their highly successful Viennese concert from two years ago as an "extra" to their normal season. Full details of this and all their concerts are available from the Music Circle Secretary, tel. 01403 252602 or by email to horshammusiccircle@tiscali.co.uk.

MEDIATION SERVICE HAS NEW IDENTITY

Following expansion into Arun, Adur and Worthing in partnership with the local authorities and housing associations in those areas, Horsham, Crawley & Mid Sussex Mediation Service is changing its name. Their committee has been working hard rewriting their constitution so that it can eventually achieve its long term aim of serving the whole of West Sussex.

They have received approval from the Charity Commission to change their name to 'West Sussex Mediation Service'.

They will continue to serve Horsham District in the same way that they have since their creation in 2001. Dealing with all kinds of neighbourhood disputes, resolving conflict and improving the quality of life for not just the disputing parties but often others living nearby.

Their contact details have not changed, they remain 01403 258900

HORSHAM DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUHorsham & District
Citizens Advice Bureau**SPECIALIST DEBT ADVICE WEEK – 11th September 2006...**

To coincide with National Advice Week from Monday 11th September 2006, Horsham Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) will be operating a series of Specialist Advice Sessions and Services to the community to focus upon debt advice, debt information and financial awareness... for people with any concerns or questions.

The aim of the week is to raise awareness of those in our local community who have financial concerns and questions with the clear message that a pro-active approach to dealing with financial issues is always the best way forward.

Horsham CAB are a free, impartial and confidential service available to all and they have lots of skilled – trained advice staff to assist all questions and queries about debt and finances.

They are looking to offer advice sessions either by drop in or by appointment to anyone in the Horsham District community. Even if you do not think you have a financial or debt issue but would you like to know more about the debt issues facing people today, come in and ask them and they will be pleased to inform and update you.

They are targeting all of their staff for debt awareness sessions during this week and put the CAB services at the heart of helping the community in the Horsham District.

This Debt and Financial awareness week runs from Monday 11th through to Friday 15th September 2006 and is in line with National Advice Week.

Horsham CAB are based in Lower Tanbridge Way and is open from 10.00 every day, with a late night session on a Monday until 18.30.

They also have outreach advice sessions in – Henfield – every Monday Morning / Steyning – every Wednesday morning / Storrington – every Thursday afternoon and Roffey – every Friday morning... As well as every other week a service in Pulborough and every third week in Billingshurst.

Get in touch now and look out for their specialist services during advice week.

Their advice line is 0870 126 4080.

Website: www.horshamcab.org.uk

NEWS FROM THE VOLUNTEER CENTRE**EMPLOYER SUPPORTED VOLUNTEERING**

Horsham Volunteer Bureau, the Volunteer Centre for the Horsham district is working with an increasing number of local employers to develop Employee Volunteering.

Quite a few companies are already happy to allocate 2 or 3 days per year for staff to undertake activities for the benefit of the local community.

Recently teams of employees have worked to improve the grounds and outdoor furniture at Horsham Hospital, given weatherproof treatment to huts at the Guides campsite and helped the Phoenix Club, Springboard and other local voluntary organisations, through one-day team building challenges.

The help given has been, in all cases, much appreciated and all volunteers and their employers have enjoyed the experience, finding it to have been very worthwhile.

More one-day activities, painting, decorating, gardening, general maintenance are required now to add to the small list of opportunities that the Volunteer Centre can offer to encourage more Employee Volunteering. Please let us have your ideas as soon as possible.

Other activities suitable for Employee Volunteering could include teams taking on the challenge of organising a social event or outing for day centre members or care home residents. A number of employees could collectively provide transport on a weekly or monthly basis to a club or day centre, sharing the activity so that each employee may only take around 2 hours out, several times a year, but between the group members the service is provided on a continuous basis.

Individual employees or teams can take on the task of helping voluntary organisations with IT problems (there is a great deal of expertise out there!) and with marketing, finance and business planning.

If you have any ideas, contact the volunteer Centre 01403 232100, horshamvb@care4free.net. Rachel Bartlett, Development Officer will be pleased to work with you to create the opportunities that can be promoted to employers. The Volunteer Centre will coordinate Employee Volunteering, ensuring that aspects of safety, insurance cover are in place and that all parties achieve as much as possible from the experience.

NEWS FROM THE CHARITY COMMISSION

Trustees can ring a dedicated trustee's helpline on 0845 300 0218, 0830 –1800 Mon-Fri. Minicom Service 0845 300 0219.

VOLUNTEER SOLUTIONS produce professional and affordable training packs for the voluntary sector. Each pack is a timed 2 / 3 hour training session, includes a timetable, trainer prompt sheets to help run the session and prepared photocopiable sheets for handouts. Pack titles include 'Recruiting Volunteers', 'Motivating and retaining volunteers' and 'Introduction to working with the organisation'. (Cost £22 plus £2.25 p&p.) To order a brochure or training pack telephone **01474 358281** or E-mail: **volunteersolutions@hotmail.com** or visit **www.volunteersolutions.org.uk**

From 1 June 2006, most organisations working with children or providing care services to vulnerable adults and seeking charity registration will have to provide the Charity Commission with evidence that they have obtained Criminal Record Bureau checks for their proposed trustees. The Commission's guidance, including details about which organisations need to undertake and provide checks, is at **www.charitycommission.gov.uk/registration/crb.asp**.

www.after16.org.uk - website for teenagers and young people who are disabled or have an impairment and are wondering what opportunities and services there are when they leave school.

www.advicenow.org.uk is a not-for-profit website provides up-to-date information on rights and legal issues.

HACVS BOOK LOAN

As mentioned in our February newsletter, we have a number of books which can be borrowed by our members on subjects such as funding, management of voluntary and community organisations and diversity.

Visit our website at www.horsham.co.uk/hacvs and go to bulletins to see a copy of our latest book list or call us on 01403 255277.

ARTHRITIS CARE publications focus on lifestyle issues, quality of life and choices. Titles include:

Information for People with Arthritis – includes information about different forms of arthritis, treatments and how to get help;

Talk about Pain – looks at different ways of of controlling pain and ways you can learn to manage pain.

All publications are FREE but donations are welcome. (There is a charge for 10 or more copies). For more information or to order a copy **TEL: 020 7380 6540** or E-mail: **seregoffice@arthritiscare.org.uk**

SOCIAL CLUBS

2nd Wednesday of each month – **The Ability Group** meet at K2 Leisure Centre, Crawley, from 10:30am – 12pm to keep up-to-date with the latest in the 'disability world'. For more information contact Emma Payne TEL: 01243 774088 or E-mail: info@wsad.org.uk

Horsham New Runners Club for Disabled People

Social activities for people with physical and sensory disabilities. Second and fourth Tuesday each month at 10.30am at British Red Cross Centre, Rushams Road, Horsham.
Phone: 01403 265616 or 01403 265957.

Friends Like Us is a friendship club for people with limited or restricted mobility who use a wheelchair, electric scooter or walking aid or stick. They meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, 2-4.15pm at the Salvation Army Hall. Partners and Carers most welcome.
Phone: 01403 259696.

Carers UK (Horsham Branch) meet every 2nd and 4th Monday in the month at the Club Room, Horsham Hospital 2.15 – 4pm for friendship, support and information on local events. All Carers, with or without their cared for and ex-Carers are made welcome.
Phone: 01403 261265

Evergreen Club for the over 55s meet every 3rd Tuesday, 2-4pm at the Roffey Institute, 219 Crawley Road, Horsham. The group meet over tea/coffee whilst enjoying speakers, slideshows or music.
Phone: 01403 263961

Wednesday Group in Billingshurst

Meets at 10am, term time, spring and autumn at St Mary's Room (by St Mary's Church), East Street, Billingshurst. All adults welcome.
Phone: 01403 782884

Thursday Club in Slinfold

Social club for people over 60 on second and fourth Thursdays, 2.30pm-4pm.
Phone: 01403 790539

Henfield Self-Help Group

for the elderly meet in the Garden Room at Henfield Village Hall each Tuesday, 10—3, for light exercise, lunch and entertainment.
Phone 01273 494335

Monday Club in Sullington

Social afternoon, 2pm-4pm, for people over 60.
Phone: 01798 813059

AGE DISCRIMINATION

Age discrimination will be against the law from 1ST October 2006. These regulations are essentially about employment and access to training.

This is expected to be the final part of the legislation supporting the government's policy on the wider issue of discrimination, by providing the opportunity to take a complaint to an Employment Tribunal, should this prove necessary, but at the same time promoting positive action to avoid such claims.

The new regulations protect employees from discrimination (both direct and indirect), harassment and victimisation on the grounds of age. They also introduce a national default retirement age of 65. The new age discrimination regulations are not just centred on the older members in our society but cover discrimination of all ages.

Information on the new regulations can be found in the ACAS 'Age and the Workplace' publication which is primarily aimed at employers and provides:-

- A brief summary of the Regulations;
- Advice on various aspects of employment such as recruitment and retirement;
- Some frequently asked questions;
- Draft letters and a flow chart to help employers deal with the new retirement procedures.

It should answer questions such as:-

- Do I have to do anything new or different when the legislation comes in?
- Must I have an equal opportunities policy?
- Should I take positive action to promote age diversity?

In the guide employers are advised to:-

- Remove age/date of birth details from application forms but include them on diversity monitoring forms.
- Avoid references to age in job descriptions and person specs. In particular avoid asking for 'so many years' experience'.
- Avoid words in job adverts such as 'mature', 'young' or 'energetic'.
- Avoid usage of phrases in performance appraisals such as 'shows remarkable maturity for their age'.
- Avoid the policy of last in, first out or length of service in redundancy selection procedures.

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SPECIAL NOTE on Retirement Age:

The Guide explains the new rules on retirement. These include the employer's duty to notify the employee of his right to request working beyond retirement age and the employer's duty to consider any such request. It also explains the difference between pension age and retirement age.



WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

Members are urged to research further the implications for them of this particular part of the regulations.

Members will need to consider the necessary changes to their employment contracts in relation to this matter. All organisations will need to review their equal opportunities policy to make sure it reflects the new age discrimination regulations.

You can view details of the new age discrimination regulations, and download 'Age and the Workplace,' which comes in two documents; one for individuals and one for employers from the ACAS website.

Guidelines for updating your policy can be downloaded from the ACAS website.

Use this link to take you to the relevant page on the ACAS site:

www.acas.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=1046

ACAS help line on 08457 47 47 47

Age Concern provide a very helpful, reader friendly, publication, 'How will the new law on age discrimination affect you?' which can be downloaded from their website:

www.ageconcern.org.uk/AgeConcern/is17.asp.

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) have broken their publication down into 8 different fact sheets that can be found at www.digbig.com/4hwwh.

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (NCIL)

The Disability Rights Commission is offering **free** Leadership Conferences for disabled people and people with long term health conditions who aspire to further their potential. Our nearest one is **19th September in London**.

At the Leadership Conference you will:

- Explore your leadership skills in masterclasses
- Network with other future leaders
- Find out more about overcoming barriers to leadership
- Identify leadership opportunities and plan your next steps.

Go to www.drc-gb.org/leadership to find out more or call 0207 587 1663.

GET YOUR ARTICLE IN ICIS NEWS

ICIS News is produced four times a year and distributed to service providers in West Sussex to share and promote information. Each issue contains details of:

- New, or changes to, organisations and services in West Sussex, regionally and nationally
- Events, conferences, training and leisure opportunities locally, regionally and nationally
- Publications on a wide variety of topics
- Information about the ICIS service

HACVS would like to encourage local groups to make use of this well circulated newsletter. Articles are usually limited to a maximum of one A4 page. This equals approximately 250 words based on Arial, size 14 font. Articles can include logos or pictures, although if space is limited there may not be room to include them.

You may prefer to send in a poster. These can be scanned and inserted into the newsletter. However, bear in mind, that the clarity will not be so good, and small lettering on a poster may not be easy for someone with a visual impairment to read.

ICIS reserve the right to edit copy to comply with their corporate standards of quality and clarity, and to suit the space available.

If you can, please email your article to **admin@icis-info4life.org.uk**, for the attention of Liz. Alternatively post or fax your article to Liz at **ICIS, 35 Worthing Road, East Preston, Little Hampton, West Sussex, BN16 1BQ**.

You can view their newsletter at **www.icis-info4life.org.uk**.

Don't forget to send us your article at the same time, to be included in the next **HACVS newsletter**, as our mailing list is different to ICIS'. Our email is **hacvs@btinternet.com**.

LIFE IS FOR LIVING

Life is for Living is an exhibition event for over 50s, that is funded by Horsham District Council and organised in partnership with a number of different organisations. Now in its third year the event offers an opportunity to find out about different services, try out new activities and meet new friends.

This year's events are being held on:

13th September at Henfield Village Hall from 12pm-4pm

11th October at the Drill Hall, Denne Road, Horsham from 12pm-4pm

Entrance to both events is free.

For more information on either event or for information about help with transport to the events, please call 01403 215137.

IMPACT ADVOCACY SERVICE will be running an 'Introduction to Advocacy' course starting on Saturday 30th September. The aim of the course is to provide a comprehensive induction to becoming an Advocate. Course will take place at Dove Lodge in Littlehampton. Tea/coffee and a sandwich lunch will be provided. For more information or to book a place, **TEL: 01903 718260** or E-mail: **linda.hobbs@impact-initiatives.org.uk**

University of Brighton - 'Learning Networks'

If you are running or thinking of starting a Social Enterprise, or are a voluntary/community organisation thinking about trading or already trading that wants to become financially self sufficient, why not join the 'Learning Networks'.

The programme offers a commitment to creative approaches to traditional business problems through partnership working and knowledge sharing together with expert guidance. For more information, call Linda Boize at the University of Brighton.

Tel: **07958 515478** or
email **L.M. Boize@brighton.ac.uk**.

MANAGING VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

To find out more about this certificated course from University of Sussex which starts in October and still has places available, go to <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/cce/1-2-16-20.html>.



On 1st April, **Attend**, a new national organisation, replaced The **National Association of Hospital & Community Friends**.

Attend will continue to work in partnership with Leagues of Friends and other member charities. Attend has over 800 member groups, with 43,000 active volunteers in hospitals, community care settings, courts and prisons. Their members run hundreds of shops, cafes, social groups, transport and visiting services and raised over £45m for hospitals, health and social services last year. for hospitals, health and social services last year.

Attend has also established the new Regional Mental Health Learning Networks. These Networks are bringing together both statutory and voluntary sector groups to discuss issues, raise the profile, and support volunteering in mental health. For more information go to **www.attend.org.uk** or contact Terry Bishop, tel: **01252 675626**.

LOOKING AFTER ME

'Looking After Me' is an exciting and new Self-Management programme available to any adult Carer whose health has been affected by this role (for example the Carer has developed a back injury, lives with a stress-related illness or experiences psychological ill-health, and so on); or an adult who is both personally living with a long-term health condition (for example; heart disease, CFS/ME, diabetes, arthritis, asthma and many more) **and** also caring for someone with a long-term health condition and/or disability.

As part of the Expert Patient Programme, 'Looking After Me' courses are completely **FREE**, run over six weekly half-day sessions, and include complimentary lunches and refreshments. By attending, carers have the opportunity to meet with others who share similar experiences, develop a greater sense of life confidence and independence, and learn how to manage their caring situation more effectively.

The next **Looking After Me** course is being held in Horsham in September. The course runs every Thursday for 6 weeks...

When: Thursday 14th September - Thursday 19th October 2006 inclusive

Time: 12.45pm - 3.45pm (includes a complimentary lunch and refreshments)

Venue: The Salvation Army Hall, Booth Way, Horsham, RH13 5PZ

If you would like to know more about the Looking After Me course or the Expert Patients Programme, or would like to book a place, contact:

Emma Constantinos

Expert Patients Programme Coordinator

Mid Sussex PCT

Sheencroft

10-12 Church Road

Haywards Heath

RH16 3SN

Telephone: **01444 475974**

Email: **emma.constantinos@mspct.nhs.uk**

PCT COMMISSIONING

You will probably be aware of the changes to the Primary Care Trust (PCT) in West Sussex. The existing five PCT will become one by the end of this year and in line with the advice in new health white paper, the new PCT management board will be seeking ways of improving the services they deliver while saving money where possible. The most noticeable effect for Voluntary Organisations will be the increase in the amount of work that the PCT commission from the voluntary sector. HACVS are working closely with our partners in the PCT to ensure that proper support is provided in return for greater front line service delivery by voluntary groups. If your organisation provides support that may assist the delivery of Health Services we (HACVS) would like to hear from you, please contact Nigel Tinkler at our office 01403 255277.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—NEW POLICE EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The Domestic Violence Development Team (DVDT) is participating in the Sussex Police Student Officer Community Placement programme. The aim of the programme is to maximise the learning experience of Student Officers and to increase their understanding of diverse communities, organisations and groups within the area they police. The objective of this programme is to improve performance, and to increase the public's trust in the Police.

The DVDT have designed a programme to widen the awareness and knowledge base of Police Officers with regard to Domestic Violence/Abuse (DV/A) and the services available in West Sussex. The programme enables officers to understand and appreciate the impact of DV/A on individuals within our communities (male or female), and to provide a service that treats individuals affected by this crime with respect and sensitivity.

Since May 2006 the DVDT have run two placement programmes. Both police probationers have spent two weeks visiting projects set up by the DVDT and had a good overview of what the team's remit is, as outlined in the West Sussex DV/ Abuse Strategy 2005-2008. The officers visited WORTH Services, and with the permission of the clients were able to hear first hand the level of distress that domestic violence/ abuse causes within families, which often continues for many years after the relationship has ended. The importance of safety and signposting to the agency/services that can provide professional help and advice became self-evident. The officers also participated in interactive DV/A training run by the DVDT, spent the day at a women's refuge, attended DV/A Information Shops and spent time with different members of the team.

The DVDT look forward to welcoming the next placement in August.

The Worth Individual Support Programme for children (WISP) supports children/ young people aged 5-17 who are living with the effects of domestic violence or its aftermath. This programme is unique in West Sussex in that it offers:

- one to one work which is carried out by qualified & experienced Children's Counsellors who have an in depth understanding of domestic abuse.
- It is available to children/young people currently still living with domestic violence.
- It is individually tailored to address each child's unique needs.

**THE WORTH INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN CONFERENCE
25TH OCTOBER 2006.**

SOUTH LODGE HOTEL, LOWER BEEDING, NR HORSHAM 10.30AM-3.30PM

The Conference will provide you with the opportunity to find out more about the unique work carried out by the WISP, and also gives you the opportunity to ask questions and to hear and see what the children themselves think of it all! To book a seat call Sarah on 01903 205 111 x 4395 or you can email trish.harrison@wash.nhs.uk There is no charge to attendees. This event is funded by the ODPM.

BODY SHOP FOUNDATION: WEST SUSSEX GRANTS PROGRAMME provides funding to groups who work on issues of social exclusion and environmental protection. Typical grants are £1000. For more information on the funding criteria, contact Sue Allen, Grants Administrator **TEL: 01903 844039** or E-mail: **bodyshopfoundation@the-body-shop.com**

GRANTS BOOST FROM THE HERITAGE LOTTERY

Grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) are available for a surprisingly wide range of projects in addition to preserving historic buildings, purchasing works of art and refurbishing museums. The HLF is targeting West Sussex to encourage an increase in the number of applications coming forward from community groups, voluntary organisations and local societies.

Grants are available for education projects for children and young people; they can promote community and social inclusion and help celebrate diversity. They encourage people to preserve their memories for the benefit for future generations. They can also help to boost local tourism and to protect and enhance the natural environment and local parks.

As its name suggests, the Young Roots grant programme targets schemes in which young people play a specific role in helping to devise and carry out projects with a heritage, cultural or traditional content. The grants range from £5,000 to £25,000 and are designed for organisations working with young people aged 13-20 years old (up to 25 for those with special needs.)

The Your Heritage programme gives grants of £5,000 to £50,000 for all types of heritage projects typically put together by community groups, charities and local organisations.

If your organisation would like details of grant giving opportunities and advice on how to submit an application speak to the HLF's South East England Development Team Telephone: 020 **7591 6171/6197** Email: **southeastengland@hlf.org.uk**

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL—NEW PARTNERSHIP FUND

If you are a voluntary or community organisation in contact with people who are interested in adult learning or training, you might be eligible for funding of up to £5000. for more information or to find out if your group is eligible contact Ryan Sallows. Tel: **01293 435651** or email **ryan.sallows@westsussex.gov.uk** .

BIG LOTTERY FUND

Community Buildings programme now open for applications

The Community Buildings programme, which launched on 11 July 2006, will give communities the chance to improve their quality of life by funding buildings that are economically, socially and environmentally sustainable. The programme will pay for creating and improving facilities that offer a wide range of services and activities to a broad range of local people. Grant sizes range from £50,001 to £500,000. Click on the link for more information on this programme.

For more information visit the BLF website www.biglotteryfund.org.uk or call the BIG Advice line on **0845 4 10 20 30**.

THE CHELSEA BUILDING SOCIETY FOUNDATION

The Chelsea Building Society Charitable Foundation is a registered charity established by Chelsea Building Society. They make donations of anything from £250 to £5,000 to a variety of charitable causes who aim to relieve suffering and disadvantage and to benefit local communities like yours.

To be eligible for funding, your work must be UK based and within a 10 mile radius of a Chelsea Building Society branch office. There is one branch in West Sussex – in Worthing, and also a branch in Brighton.

The closing date for the receipt of applications is **Monday 2 October 2006** for the next Trustees meeting in November.

For further information -

TEL: **01242 271526** EMAIL: charitablefoundation@thechelsea.co.uk

WEBSITE: <http://www.thechelsea-charity-foundation.co.uk/index.html>

NATIONAL SPORTS FOUNDATION (NSF) OPENS FOR BUSINESS!

The NSF will match donations from commercial bodies and also contributions from individuals. The Government has invested £34.5m in the Foundation over the next 2 years to attract this new investment in three key priority areas:

- 2012 Kids - getting more children and young people playing sport.
- Women into Sport - involving more women in playing sport.
- Fit for Sport - investment in clubs, coaches and volunteers in local communities.

Sports clubs and prospective investors will be able to get simple and direct access to information about how to apply from a new website: www.nationalsportsfoundation.org and a dedicated telephone hotline: **0845 6036069**.

The minimum amount of sponsorship that can be matched by the NSF must be over £50,000 and be 'new' money - money the private investor has not put into grassroots sport before.

CVS TRAINING PARTNERSHIP

With this newsletter you should have received the CVS Training Partnership programme for Sep—Dec 2006. Courses topics are:

First Aid	Minute Taking
Facilitated Learning	SORP
Presentation Skills	Roles & Responsibilities for Trustees
Report Writing	Food Hygiene

Apart from the Facilitated Learning course which is over two days, all the other training seminars are either full or half days, and are all within easy reach of Horsham. Roles and Responsibilities for Trustees is being held in Horsham over two evenings in October.

For full details see the enclosed A5 leaflet, contact HACVS or visit <http://hosting.startupco.co.uk/cvstraining/profile2.html>.

These courses are booked through Startup Co on 0845 230 1054.

IT TRAINING IN HORSHAM

Voluntary and Community groups in the Horsham area can get the most from computers and the internet by coming on the latest courses being offered by HACVS in partnership with SCIP. The three-hour courses are run in small, friendly groups and cover common problems for people from voluntary and community organisations who use a computer, whether you are working in an office or from home. Course Topics are:

PC Self Defence	Mail merge with Word
Fundraising on the Internet	Presentations using PowerPoint 2003
How to get a website	Using Excel to manage finances

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