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NEW DEAL FOR COMMUNITIES - RESIDENTS WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

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FUNDAY 2003

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING BURSARY FUND

New Deal for Communities is pleased to offer a new Bursary Fund for residents over the age of 16, who want to take part in education and training courses that will lead to a recognised qualification.

The fund will cover course/registration/examination fees (though not at degree level), travel costs, childcare costs/after school care for children, support for carers equipment (up to £250) and stationery and books (up to £100). The upper limit will normally be £500 in any one year. However, each application will be considered on its own merits.

For further information please contact Lynn Elliott on 894046.

EVENTS GRANTS POOL

Grants up to £250 are available to provide a flexible resource to enable local NDC groups to host small scale events in order to raise the profile of NDC or raise awareness of NDC resident issues.

For further details and an application form please contact Louise Anderson on 894046.

COMMUNITY CHEST

These grants aim to help individual NDC residents achieve their personal self-development, training or educational goals. Local groups can benefit by obtaining funding for small-scale projects e.g. improving the environment, proving advice and support networks, encouraging self-development, self help and community safety.

Maximum awards in any one financial year are:-
Individuals £200, Groups £2,500

For further information please contact Keith Bayley on 262641.

COMMUNITY SAFETY GRANTS POOL

Grants are now available to assist residents associations and other voluntary groups in the NDC area to deliver small-scale crime reduction initiatives.

For further details please contact Clare Clark on 894046.

VOLUNTARY SECTOR PREMISES POOL

Are you involved in a voluntary organisation or community group, and need to improve your premises?

A project funded by NDC called the Voluntary Sector Premises Pool is now up and running. The project's aim is to facilitate the improvement of properties used by community / voluntary organisations and groups in the delivery of services and facilities to residents of the NDC area.

Organisations can apply as many times in the year as they wish but the maximum annual grant for an organisation is £15,000, although this will be flexible in exceptional circumstances.

If you would like more information and application form to apply for the next round of funding please contact Genevieve Parker on 523521.



RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS NEWS & VIEWS

Dent & Derwent Area Residents Association Achievements

In the past 12 months our association has had a large number of achievements. These include:-

- Provision and delivery of computer classes for the terrified
- Installation of CCTV cameras
- Organised various trips e.g. Whitby, Leeds, York
- Regular social events e.g. Christmas Party, Male Voice Choir
- Cleaner back streets
- Erection of alleygates

Recently we secured funding from the Events Grants Pool to take some children from our area Quad Biking. After this activity the children also went to McDonalds for a meal provided from the Events funding. Please watch out for our forthcoming event – The Male Voice Choir in the Supporters Club on 29th September.

The Dent & Derwent Area Residents Association meets 3rd Monday of every month at The Church of the Nazarene. For further details and agenda items please contact Julie Rudge on 868310.

Residents Associations Contact Details

Belle Vue Residents Association

Roni Farrow 221832

Wharton & Errol Residents Association

Dave Berry / Peter West 420131

Stockton Road Residents Association

Anne Harker Mobile: 0797 0896057

Stotfold Area Residents Association

Liz Richardson 866836

West End Residents Association News

July Successes

We had a stall at the NDC Funday and raised £138.50 for our association; we also had two 5-a-side teams in the football tournament. Well done!!!

One of the roads in our area has managed to get a disruptive element removed by their landlord, a small success but a start towards a better environment to live in.

August Activities

A Fun with Food in the Afternoon event took place in the St Johns Ambulance Hall on 27th August 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm. It promoted healthy eating in children but made it fun with games, puzzles and cooking.

Forthcoming September Events

Monday 1st September 2003 is the starting date of our Laptop Loan Scheme. This will help beginners of all ages, students and school children with homework. We



hope this scheme will be successful and expand further next year.

We are holding a Karaoke Night at the Nursery Inn on September 10th at 7.30 pm, everyone's welcome. There have been day trips to Durham, York and Thorpe Farm with more planned for later in the year.

Chairperson: L Ryan

Secretary: M Haughey

For further details tel: 260454 or 270533

Congratulations to Grange Road Methodist Church Resource Centre

Congratulation on the wonderful achievement in winning the Queen's Golden Jubilee Award for voluntary service by groups in the Community 2003. The centre was one of 200 winners countrywide and the only one in Hartlepool and the whole of Cleveland.

MARA meets at Grange Road Methodist Resource Centre on the 4th Wednesday of each month and all residents are welcome to come along 6.00 pm for tea and coffee, meeting starts at 7.00 pm. Contact Jimmy McKenzie on 425814 for further details.

ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE

Due to the popularity and demand of this service the NDC Steering Committee have agreed to double the number of the Environmental Task Force team. There are now six members in total, all trained to drive the small mechanical sweeper (called an Hako), to control weeds and to carry out small horticultural tasks. The team are working closely with the wardens and the council's Enforcement Team to help combat fly tipping. The team are well recognised throughout the NDC area, and regularly receive thanks and appreciation from local residents.



For further details telephone Karen Oliver on 523680.

Wardens News

In the month of June alone the NDC wardens dealt with 235 incidents ranging from antisocial behaviour to vandalism/graffiti. The Wardens have delivered a pamphlet explaining the scheme, to every household in the NDC area, and as a consequence the number of calls we have received has increased. We would still like to encourage people to use our service to alleviate any problems they are experiencing within the community. The NDC Community Wardens can be contacted on 405581, seven days a week, 11.00 am to 10.30 pm.

We will be recruiting a warden in the near future to make up the full compliment to 12. For further details about this position please telephone Ted Morgan on 405582.

Diary Dates

Community Forum Monday 15th September
6.00 pm Grand Hotel

Resident Steering Group Election Tuesday 7th October
6.00 pm Osborne Hall (Central Resident)

Resident Steering Group Election Tuesday 7th October
6.00 pm Belle Vue Community,
Sports and Youth Centre (South Resident)

Resident Steering Group Election Tuesday 7th October
6.00 pm People Centre (North Resident)

Community Forum Tuesday 21st October
6.00 pm Grange Road Methodist Church

Community Forum Wednesday 19th November
6.00 pm Belle Vue Community, Sports and Youth Centre



Hartlepool Domestic Violence Outreach Service

The service offers one to one advice support to victims of Domestic Violence.

**We have a drop-in at
The People's Centre, Raby Road
every Thursday 10.00 am – 11.00 am
Feel free to pop in**

We offer a weekly support group where victims of Domestic Violence can meet and share their experiences.

**If you would like to access the service
you can contact a worker
on 890558 or mobile nos. 07967 964968
or 07967 964969**

MoneyWise Community Banking



Christmas is Coming

4 Avenue Road, Hartlepool

Tel: 863542

Instead of worrying about how you will afford Christmas, come along and visit Moneywise. After saving with us for at least 13 weeks, you can apply for a low cost loan. NDC offer a Moneywise, Community Banking service, together with Hartlepool Credit Union, which can help you plan your finances. You can apply for up to double the amount of your savings to be repaid over 12 months, at a rate to suit you and interest is charged at only 1% on the balance of your loan at the end of every month. For example if you borrow £100 over 12 months your weekly repayment will be £2.04 and the total repayment with interest will be £105.33. Your savings are used as security and we encourage you to continue saving whilst making repayments on your loan. No penalties apply if you pay your loan off sooner and if you do, you pay less interest. So call into Moneywise now and take control of your finances.

Opening hours:

Monday – Friday 10.00 am – 4.00 pm



NEW APPOINTMENTS



Christine Auton
NDC - Administration Assistant



Carol Jones
Community Development &
Inclusion Theme Coordinator

*Do you have children?
Are you working?*

Citizens Advice Bureau – Money Advice & Debt Counselling Service

If you can answer yes to any of these questions then you may have an entitlement to the new Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credit? Hartlepool Citizens Advice Bureau now provides Saturday morning appointments for NDC residents in order to carry out calculations to determine entitlement. “We are distributing leaflets throughout the NDC area to advise residents of this service” said Joe Michna. Appointments can be arranged by telephoning the Bureau on Hartlepool 408415. We also provide a full debt advice service and if you are experiencing problems, call at our office in Park Road to discuss your situation.

Outreach Sessions are held every Thursday at Belle Vue Community Centre in Kendal Road between 9.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. where advice and assistance is available on issues such as debt, welfare benefits, housing and employment law. These are proving popular with local residents and appointments can be arranged by contacting Belle Vue Centre on Hartlepool 221832. If you are elderly, housebound or disabled, we can arrange a home visit to discuss your concerns.



**Hartlepool Citizens Advice Bureau,
87 Park Road, Hartlepool TS24 7PW**