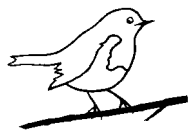
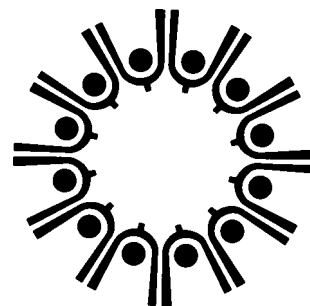


# COUNCILS FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE IN MID SUSSEX



WINTER 2011 NEWSLETTER



## *Changes to Mid Sussex Councils for Voluntary Service*

The new year has brought many changes to both East Grinstead CVS and Mid Sussex (South) CVS. As with all voluntary and community groups, we are experiencing an increase in demand for our services at a time when funding for the sector is becoming tighter. EESI funding for Regina and Helen, our Development Workers, for instance, has ceased.

However, through increased cooperation between the CVSs, and with staff showing a great deal of flexibility, we are able to continue to offer all our services to our member groups. However, we ask for your patience if we don't always answer the phone straight away, and have to get back to you with a query – there are fewer of us! So here is our new line-up:

### **Mid Sussex (South) CVS MS(S)CVS - Monday – Thursday, 9.00am – 1.00pm.**

Sue Rabbett is the Office Manager and will answer all your general calls to the office and is the liaison point for groups which are members of Mid Sussex (South) CVS.

Helen Hall and Catherine Pardoe will job-share the Volunteer Centre Coordinator post, out of venues in both Haywards Heath and Burgess Hill – so you may get either Helen or Catherine answering your volunteering queries. Catherine will also deal with publicity and PR issues for MS(S)CVS.

Regina Choudhury is the Development Worker, and will deal with more in-depth queries you may have regarding your organisation, e.g. funding, charity registration. She will work Monday – Wednesday.

### **East Grinstead CVS EG CVS Office and Volunteer Centre opening hours: Monday – Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm**

Christine Hardisty is the Manager of EG CVS.

Jakki Jackson is in charge of the office and will answer all your general queries and is the liaison point for groups which are members of East Grinstead CVS.

Loral Bennett is the Volunteer Centre Coordinator. Jakki and Loral will also carry out Community Development work, dealing with more in-depth queries you may have regarding your organisation, e.g. funding, charity registration.

### **EG CVS and MS(S) CVS Strategic Matters**

Christine Hardisty will act as Chief Officer for both CVSs on district, county and national matters and will represent the two CVSs on partnerships and forums. She will take forward issues which affect the whole voluntary and community sector in Mid Sussex, e.g. she will deal with publicising and co-ordinating responses to consultations and government papers.

Both CVSs also rely on help from volunteers who may well answer the phone when you ring – our offices couldn't function without them!

## *Big Society Round-Up* **Charity Leaders Meet with Prime Minister**

Charity leaders met with the Prime Minister and other senior Government Ministers on 13th Jan. to discuss the voluntary and community sector's role in the transformation of public services. Civil society representatives shared with ministers their experiences of public service delivery, their concerns about

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the impact of cuts, and suggested solutions and ideas for further reform. Delegates gave the Prime Minister examples where local authorities are cutting inappropriately or disproportionately, and where VAT on shared services is causing problems for the sector. They also discussed the potential impact that forthcoming changes to NHS commissioning will have on civil society organisations. Following the meeting, which was organised by NCVO, the Prime Minister asked for examples of good and bad practice around funding cuts and VAT, and this is where NCVO need your help. Please get in touch if you have any examples to share – they will help to give Government a steer on what support the sector needs in the months ahead. Go to: [www.ncvo-vol.org.uk](http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk) .

### **Giving - Green Paper**

The paper proposes a new role for government as a facilitator of giving, making it easier for philanthropists, volunteers and charities to form partnerships.

The Government wants to develop low-cost but effective ideas for large organisations to support charities. Ideas include publicity for charities on government websites, opening up buildings that are under-used to charitable activity, investment in local savings schemes that pay out small grants in the most deprived areas, £10million Volunteer Match Fund to double the benefit of private donations to voluntary projects, working with mobile phone companies to encourage charitable phone applications, talking to banks about donations through ATMs and widening access for people to make small charitable donations when paying for goods by cards. The paper also talks about encouraging reciprocal giving where people can trade time.

The consultation will close on 9th March 2011. Responses can be made by emailing: [giving@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:giving@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk). The findings of the consultation will feed into a White Paper for publication next year.

### **The Big Society Bank**

The Government has committed to setting up a Big Society Bank to give social enterprises, charities and voluntary organisations access to greater resources. It will be set up using money from dormant bank accounts (those untouched for 15 years or more and available for spending in England) and will encourage investment in social change. It is expected to start operating in spring 2011 and be ready to make initial investments by summer 2011. It will support the development of the social investment market infrastructure and invest in new ventures opening the way for other investors to join.

### **Social Impact Bond**

The Social Impact Bond is being developed by Social Finance to encourage trusts, foundations and commercial investors to invest in projects which benefit the community. The government contracts with Social Bond investors to improve outcomes in certain areas and investors pay social organisations upfront to deliver services. This is being piloted by the Ministry of Justice at Peterborough Prison. If re-offending is reduced by 7.5% or more, investors will receive a share of the long-term savings from Government.

### **National Citizen Service Pilots**

The National Citizen Service (NCS) scheme will bring 16 year olds from different backgrounds together over the summer to take part in residential and home-based activities such as outdoor challenges and local community projects. The aim is to give 16-year-olds the skills and confidence to make a difference to their communities and to foster a culture of volunteerism and social responsibility in young people.

Cabinet Office will run pilots for National Citizen Service in the summer of 2011 and 2012, involving 10,000 young people. Twelve groups from around the country have been selected to run the first National Citizen Service pilot projects. In the future, the Government wants every 16-year-old to have the chance to take part in National Citizen Service.

### **Community Organisers**

Over the lifetime of this parliament, the Community Organisers programme will identify, train and support 5,000 people who want to make a difference to their community. The organisers will have strong understanding of local needs and will act as catalyst for local action.

The government is intending to provide £2m in start-up funding for its new community organisers programme and it is anticipated that the organisations delivering the programme will need to raise about £10m in order for it to continue.

The Office for Civil Society is due to announce the national partner responsible for managing the scheme later this month. More groups will be appointed to train the community organisers in March.

# Health and Wellbeing RoundUp

Healthy Lives, Healthy People - Consultations, Go to: [www.dh.gov.uk](http://www.dh.gov.uk) for all Dept of Health consultations

## **Healthy lives, healthy people: consultation on the funding and commissioning routes for public health - Closing Date 31st March**

This consultation explores the proposed funding and commissioning routes for Public Health England, including the ring-fenced budget provided to local authorities.

## **Healthy Lives, Healthy People: transparency in outcomes - proposals for a public health outcomes framework - Closing Date 31st March**

This consultation explores the proposed public health outcomes framework.

## **Healthy Lives, Healthy People: Our strategy for public health in England - Closing Date 8th March**

Local government and local communities will be at the heart of improving health and wellbeing for their populations and tackling inequalities. People living in the poorest areas will, on average, die 7 years earlier than people living in richer areas and spend up to 17 more years living in poor health. This paper seeks to address the root causes of poor health by shifting power to local communities with responsibilities, freedoms and funding devolved where possible. There are a number of consultation questions in Chapter 4 and summarised in Chapter 5 of the white paper and the Dept of Health welcomes your views.

Further documents will be published in 2011 which will look at specific areas of health and wellbeing, including mental health, obesity and sexual health.

## **Liberating the NHS: developing the healthcare workforce - Closing date: 31st March 2011**

This consultation document sets out proposals to establish a new framework for developing the healthcare workforce and seeks views on the systems and processes that will be needed to support it.

## **Disability Living Allowance - Consultation closes 14th February**

At the moment, nearly three million people get Disability Living Allowance, costing an estimated £12 billion – far higher than was ever expected.

The Disability Living Allowance will be reformed to make it a clearer, more targeted benefit, with an objective assessment. It will now be known as Personal Independence Payment. The government also wants to base the Disability Living Allowance on a person's needs and the problems they face, rather than on the nature of the disability itself.

Other proposals for reform include: simplification - the current system has grown too complex and its purpose is misunderstood; assessment - there is currently no independent assessment for entitlement and no way of checking that an award remains correct; employment - DLA can act as a barrier to work rather than enabling people to live independent lives. Go to: [www.dwp.gov.uk](http://www.dwp.gov.uk).

## **Changes to Adults' Social Care in West Sussex**

This consultation closed on 3rd February. West Sussex is looking at ways of providing support to those who need it most, while under great pressure to reduce spending. They propose to raise the eligibility level for adults' social care support and sought views about the best way to do this. The proposal is to stop funding social care for people with only a moderate level of need. WSCC would continue to fund people with substantial and critical levels of need. The CVSs will keep you informed of the results of the consultation. Go to: [www.westsussex.gov.uk](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk).

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## **NEWS FROM MID SUSSEX (SOUTH)**

### **Office and staffing update**

The last few months have been a time of exciting (if at times overwhelming) change and development in the CVS office. The management committee have taken a strategic short and long term approach to managing recent changes in staff, funding, economic climate and political agendas. This means the CVS and Volunteer Centre will be able to continue to support frontline local community and voluntary activity, while still representing the voluntary sector at district, county and national matters. Please also refer to the front page article and, for those in the Mid Sussex (South) area, to the insert information sheet.

### **Alzheimer's Society De-Café comes to Horsham**

An evening of entertainment and support for people living with dementia is a new service now being offered in Horsham by the Alzheimer's Society in the style of an evening café with food and beverages available to all who attend (at no cost to the individual!)

By bringing people together we will remove some of the barriers that people living with dementia frequently face; in particular the often formal and time-limited communications between professionals and those living with dementia. There is an emphasis on enjoyment - music and performance will be a feature of these cafes - but also on providing information, advice and guidance on dementia and how to access practical support.

De Café is held from 6.00pm – 8.00pm on the last Thursday of every month at: Age UK, Lavinia House, Denne Road, Horsham, West Sussex.

### **De-café is also coming to Hassocks**

Commencing on Wednesday 23rd February, De-café will be offering a similar evening of support for people living with dementia in the Hassocks area. The café will be held at: Age Concern Hassocks and District, Pauline Thaw Centre, Dale Avenue, Hassocks, BN6 8LW.

For more information on De-Café please call Dawn Fairbrother: 01403 750485.

**Circles Network** has a meeting room available for hire with discounted rates for voluntary and community organisations. Situated in Burgess Hill Business Park it can accommodate up to 16 people. For more information or to book please contact: [angela.butcher@circlesnetwork.org.uk](mailto:angela.butcher@circlesnetwork.org.uk); 01444 236593.

**4 Sight** have now opened their new Resource Centre in Burgess Hill, open Monday & Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons.. Contact: 01444 248653; [burgesshill@4sightsussex.co.uk](mailto:burgesshill@4sightsussex.co.uk) for more details.

4sight have also been nominated as the local good cause by Haywards Heath Southern Cooperative Store. Every time a community support card is used, 3p will go to the current good causes. If you do not already own a community card in their South Road, Haywards Heath store then do pick one up the next time you visit, or collect one from the Burgess Hill Resource Centre.

### **Greater Haywards Heath Bike Ride - 17th April 2011**

Whether you're a cycling enthusiast or want some family fun, come and take part in the first ever Greater Haywards Heath Bike Ride. There will be three routes of varying lengths and challenge but it's as much for fun and to raise money for local charities. The event is being organised by Haywards Heath and District Businesses Association, in partnership with MSDC and Haywards Heath Town Council. Full details and entry forms are available from: [www.hhdba.co.uk](http://www.hhdba.co.uk) or from Haywards Heath Town Hall: 01444 455694.

### **NEWS FROM EAST GRINSTEAD CVS**

This is a busy time for East Grinstead CVS, and indeed for the whole voluntary sector. EG CVS handed over responsibility for community transport to Bluebird in October, and is delighted that the service seems to be going from strength to strength. Please see the article from Bluebird, below.

With so many government papers coming out, it is hard to keep on top of the new initiatives – we certainly don't have time to be bored!

Regina Choudhury is no longer working for EG CVS as a Development Worker (she is working

for Mid Sussex (South) CVS now). Our Development Work lottery funding ceased in December. We continue to seek other funding for this. In the meantime, if you have any queries concerning funding searches, registering with the Charity Commission etc. Jakki and Loral will help you.

### **Do you Need Help with Finding Funding?**

East Grinstead CVS is organising two one-to-one funding days for local groups. We will offer one hour sessions to local groups, carry out funding searches for you, help to ensure you are ready to complete your funding bids, look over funding bids, and generally assist with your funding queries. More details to follow.

### **107 Meridian FM – Community Radio Station for East Grinstead and the Surrounding Area**

After three years of extremely hard work and being on the airwaves for just four weeks at a time twice a year, Ofcom gave Meridian FM a 5-year community broadcasting licence in February. At 7.00am on Monday, March 1st, 2010, 107 Meridian FM was launched as the community radio station for East Grinstead and the surrounding areas, including Forest Row, Crawley Down, Lingfield, Turners Hill, Copthorne, Dormansland, Ashurst Wood, Domewood, Felbridge, Newchapel, Sharpthorne and West Hoathly. 107 Meridian FM's 50-strong mostly volunteer team is eager to encourage East Grinstead and the surrounds to make full use of their full-time radio station and to tell everyone what is going on in their area, clubs and businesses. 107 Meridian FM's motto is and has always been 'Your Radio, Your Station'. The station broadcasts 24-hours a day. There are shows to cater for all tastes, from the daytime Breakfast, Morning, Lunchtime and Drivetime shows to specialist shows in the evenings and weekends. These cover news, sport, local events and all areas of music from Dance, Rock, 20s-50s, 60s-80s, Classical, Jazz, Live Band Nights plus many more. 107 Meridian FM is a not-for-profit organisation. This means that funding is restricted to 50 per cent from local business advertising and sponsorship. The remaining 50 per cent has to come from grants, donations and fund-raising events, with the volunteer team taking on this work in addition to broadcasting. The station offers advertising to local businesses at competitive rates and welcomes sponsorship deals and donations. If you would like to discuss, email: [sales@meridianfm.com](mailto:sales@meridianfm.com) or call: 01342 325825. 107 Meridian FM is always on the lookout for volunteers to help run the station, from helping with the admin. and manning the telephones to presenting a show, and to 'have some fun while you get things done'. Contact: [admin@meridianfm.com](mailto:admin@meridianfm.com) for further details. Full details about 107 Meridian FM plus programme guide can be found on the station's website: [www.meridianfm.com](http://www.meridianfm.com).

### **Three Cheers for Volunteers**

By the time you receive this newsletter the Exhibition of Volunteering will be under way at East Grinstead Museum. This is a joint venture between East Grinstead Museum and East Grinstead Volunteer Centre, and provides a fascinating glimpse of the history of volunteering. It celebrates the importance and diversity of volunteering in the town and will run till February 27th in East Grinstead Museum. The exhibition concentrates on a number of local groups and tells their stories using objects, images and material from their own archives.

The centrepiece of the exhibition is a banner featuring photos of volunteers taken at the volunteering event in the Museum on 5th October. The exhibition acknowledges the contribution made by all the hundreds of people who volunteer. Go and see it, and encourage other people to go. Who knows, if they don't undertake voluntary work at the moment they may be inspired to have a go themselves.

### **Grinstead Talking News**

Grenestede Talking News continues to provide local news derived from the East Grinstead Observer/Courier, plus notices from various clubs such as the Blind Club and Macular Group. The News items are sent out every week on either cassette tape or CD to listeners who are blind, partially sighted or who find reading the local paper no longer possible.

Grenestede Talking News has some 70 listeners in and around East Grinstead – gaining new and losing some old friends. They have capacity for further members to join.

Recently they have been fortunate to have two new people come forward to add to their volunteer-base in the computer-recording and copying sections.

All volunteers work on a rota basis and the roles consist of teams of editors (Thurs/Fri) who prepare the script for the Friday evening recording, with a team of Readers. The Saturday morning teams produce the copies. The resultant audio-material is put into named packet for despatch to listeners, via the Post Office.

The free service is well-received, keeping those who cannot read for themselves up-to-date with local news and events. For new volunteers or new listeners Tel: 01342 325823.

### **EGFLEET move to Bluebird Community Transport**

After being contacted by EG CVS with regards the possible closure of EGFLEET, Bluebird Community Partnership which is the community transport operator covering Burgess Hill and Haywards Heath, agreed to take over the running of the East Grinstead group as from October 2010. The trustees of both organisations worked together to reach an agreement which saw the vehicles still being based at East Court and the existing volunteers staying on to provide the much

needed dial a ride service for the people of East Grinstead. With the help of the East Surrey Rural Transport Partnership, who are now able to transport those who live in the Tandridge district, Bluebird have pledged to maintain the current level of service and work towards greater sustainability to ensure that community transport in East Grinstead, not only survives but thrives. Members of EGFLEET can call the same number as they always have to book their journey, though the co-ordination of trips is now done from Bluebird's office in North Chailey. New users can book by calling 01444 471919. Bluebird have been successful in securing a Big Lottery Awards for All grant to update their IT and booking software to help with the expanded service and plans are afoot to bring more vehicles into the fleet so that the service in East Grinstead can be expanded.

Bluebird CEO, Matt Roberts says. 'We are very pleased to be able to keep the excellent service, that EGFLEET offered the people of East Grinstead, going. The volunteers have been wonderful in this period of transition and despite having to get used to new ways of working, have made sure that those needing our help have continued to be transported. We are looking to introduce new services in East Grinstead and to that end are always looking out for anyone who may be interested in becoming a volunteer driver, or indeed, in part time work as a driver or escort for our special educational need transport. We have been fortunate enough to win a new contract to take SEN children to school from the East Grinstead area and this, along with other work, will go a long way to help secure the future of community transport in East Grinstead'. Anyone who is interested in volunteering or part time work with Bluebird should contact Mr Lee Gander, transport Manager, Bluebird Community Partnership, North Common Road, North Chailey. BN8 4EH. 01444 471919.

### **East Grinstead Life Show**

The East Grinstead Life show is an event for everyone – of all ages. It will be held on 2nd April 2011 in the Jubilee Community Centre from 10.00am – 1.00pm.

It is a health and wellbeing event organised by East Grinstead Social and Community Group. You will be able to find out about fitness, healthy eating, leisure activities, have health checks and get health information from local GPs. There will also be some wonderful entertainment from local dance schools, choirs, and sports groups. Everything is free. Bring the whole family. Transport will be available from some points in the local area. More details to follow.

### **East Grinstead Sports Club. Changing for the better – starting with new fitness opportunities for the New Year**

Set in 33 acres of beautiful Sussex countryside on the edge of East Grinstead, East Grinstead Sports Club is owned by a charity, East Grinstead

Sports Club Limited. Since October 2010 the site has been operated by Freedom Leisure on the Charity's behalf.

2011 promises some exciting changes at EGSC beginning with Freedom Leisure's £130,000 investment in new fitness equipment, fitness classes, and new lighting and sound systems. The new East Grinstead wide membership packages have broadened the sport, leisure, fitness and swimming options open to EGSC members making fitness membership at EGSC one of the leading opportunities for all age groups, abilities and means in the East Grinstead area. Visitors are welcome at the Club at any time and in particular the Fitness Open day on Saturday 22nd January between 10.00 am and 4.00pm.

Most sports are available at EGSC including: hockey, cricket, badminton, netball, football, archery, basketball, volley ball, several forms of self defence, tennis, table tennis, Lacrosse.

During the year, the Charity will be focussing its attention on ways it can continue to raise funds to sustain the facilities and extend the sporting provision that can be provided for the local community.

Charity contact: Jeff Morris, Chairman, East Grinstead Sports Club Ltd; [jeff@morris.net](mailto:jeff@morris.net).

## LOCAL INFORMATION

### **Supporting Volunteers Day - 15th February 2011, Billingshurst Village Hall**

Building on the successes of last year's event, the day will include sessions on: How I used the IVR Volunteering Impact Assessment toolkit; 2012 Games inspired volunteering; Incentivising volunteering; Managing Volunteers; Young people and volunteering; Fundraising for volunteer related activity; Working with volunteers with support needs; Recruiting Volunteers; and Using social media to support and recruit volunteers.

Supporting Volunteers Day is part of the West Sussex CVS Training Programme and supported by the West Sussex Volunteer Centres and Volunteering Hub. The event has been funded by the West Sussex ChangeUp Consortium. To book a place ring the Working Together Project on: 01273 810248; or email: [bookings@workingtogetherproject.org.uk](mailto:bookings@workingtogetherproject.org.uk).

### **Local Global Mid Sussex**

Clair Hall, Haywards Heath Saturday 30th April 2011, 2.00pm until 5.00pm.

Following last year's hugely successful event, Local Global Mid Sussex is back for 2011! You are invited to join us at this free event to celebrate our rich cultural diversity in Mid Sussex. Come along and enjoy traditional dances and

songs; food from around the world; entertainment for children; an international wedding fashion show to coincide with the Royal Wedding.

Organised by Mid Sussex Diversity Forum email: [msdf2010@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:msdf2010@hotmail.co.uk).

### **Future of Public Health in West Sussex**

NHS West Sussex is holding this public event on 14th February in Horsham, to discuss the Public Health White Paper and consult with the local community. To book your place contact Paulene Horrocks on: 01903 708634; [paulene.horrocks@westsussexpct.nhs.uk](mailto:paulene.horrocks@westsussexpct.nhs.uk).

### **Networking in Mid Sussex**

Our festive networking event organised by the Mid Sussex Liaison Group on 10th December at Ardingly was well attended and we listened to speakers from nine groups which work in Mid Sussex. We heard about work with families, elderly people, deaf people, those with disabilities and those needing legal advice. We also learned about benevolent societies and from ICIS. This was very interesting, but possibly the most useful part of the event was the networking which took place afterwards. I heard many people exchanging information and contact details and exploring common issues – as well as enjoying the punch and mince pies. The Mid Sussex Liaison Group organises networking meetings several times a year on topics of interest to the voluntary and community sector. We will let you know when the next event is to be held.

**Mid Sussex Healthy Walks Scheme** is running another free one-day course for Volunteer Walk Leaders. It will be held in Haywards Heath on Thursday 10th February. For more information people can visit the website: [www.midsussex.gov.uk/healthywalks](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/healthywalks) or contact the Rangers on: 01444 477561 or email: [rangers@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:rangers@midsussex.gov.uk).

**Voice for Disability** is the new trading name for West Sussex Association for Disabled People (WSAD). The rebranding has also seen the development of a new website and a Facebook and Twitter presence. Voice for Disability provides free information about the services, equipment and facilities available within West Sussex to disabled people and those who support them. Contact: 01903 244457 or: [info@wsad.org.uk](mailto:info@wsad.org.uk) [www.WSAD.org.uk](http://www.WSAD.org.uk).

**Citizens Advice Bureau** is here to help everyone through these difficult times. Qualified Advisers are competent in all areas of information and advice and are waiting to help you access information to empower you to deal with your problem or to support you if you require it. Mid Sussex CAB has centres in East Grinstead, Haywards Heath and Burgess Hill which have a

drop-in service available from 9.00am- 4.00pm. CAB also provides telephone advice on: 0844 4771171 from 9.00am-6.00pm and e-mail advice by going to our national website: [www.adviceguide.org](http://www.adviceguide.org). For people on low incomes or income related benefits there are specialists in Debt, Employment, Housing, Benefits, Community Care and Family Law. Please phone: 0844 4771171.

There is also a project working in partnership with The Royal British Legion so anybody who has been in the forces or their families maybe entitled to extra support. To find out if the project can help you please contact: 01444 453981.

Organisations feeling the pinch from the cuts or not please get in touch with Nicky Shute: [nicky.shute@westsussexcab.org.uk](mailto:nicky.shute@westsussexcab.org.uk) as CAB is looking to work in partnership to make sure services continue for our communities.

**Head Forward** is a comprehensive mental health and wellbeing information gateway, concentrating on local services and events run by any provider. It also covers general wellbeing topics and these are always linked to local resources where available. The emphasis is on providing choices that enable positive and practical ways to move forward from mental and emotional distress. To find out more visit: [www.head-forward.info](http://www.head-forward.info) or tel: 01403 750165.

### Health Trainers

The Health Trainer Service is funded by the NHS and is free and confidential. Health Trainers see clients on a one-to-one basis and can help them to make healthy lifestyle changes including eating more healthily, being more active, stopping smoking, losing weight, drinking sensibly, improving mental wellbeing.

Anyone over the age of 18 can see a Health Trainer to get information, support and motivation to help them make the changes. The Health Trainers also have a wealth of local knowledge, so can signpost people onto other groups, organisations and services that they think may be of help.

### Concessionary Travel Consultation - WSCC

Please find below a link to a consultation by WSCC on Concessionary Travel:  
<http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=9147>.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### The 2011 Census is coming ... 27th March 2010

In the 10 years since the last census, people will have come and gone, families will have grown, expectations and lifestyles will have shifted and so the face of local communities will have changed. The census is vital in measuring these

changes and helping decision-makers improve and develop public services to provide for these communities.

Census day is on the 27th of March 2011 and to ensure its smooth running on the ground, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) has appointed Capita to fill some 35,000 temporary jobs across England and Wales. There are still vacancies for **Census Coordinators** to lead and motivate a team of approximately 15 field staff and for **Special Enumerators** to deliver questionnaires to organisations such as care homes, hotels, prisons etc. and help with their completion.

Full application details are available via: [www.censusjobs.co.uk](http://www.censusjobs.co.uk).

### Disability Living Allowance

(a): A Government consultation is taking place on proposed reforms to Disability Living Allowance (DLA): [www.dwp.gov.uk](http://www.dwp.gov.uk) which will include a change of name to Personal Independence Payment, a new assessment from 2013 for all claimants and an overall 20% reduction in the amount of DLA paid.

INDI South East will collate all comments received into one response reflecting the views of disability organisations in the South East. To receive a summary document and to return comments, please contact Becki Meakin: [info@indi.org.uk](mailto:info@indi.org.uk); INDI South East, C/o SID, Rentwood, School Lane, Fetcham, Surrey KT22 9JX. Deadline is 9th February 2011.

(b): Disability Alliance is carrying out research on DLA to ensure a thorough investigation of the issues involved with the aim of providing an in-depth analysis of DLA use, disabled people's needs and potential risks in the Government plans. Their survey questionnaire can be found at: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/dlareform](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/dlareform). The closing date for Disability Alliance's research is 10th February 2011.

**The Guardian** has launched a Guardian Voluntary Sector Network where professionals working in and with the voluntary sector can discuss and debate the issues which affect their professional lives and get advice and insight from peers and experts. Go to: [www.guardian.co.uk/voluntarysector-network](http://www.guardian.co.uk/voluntarysector-network).

**TrusteeWorks Service** Register a role with Reach's TrusteeWorks and they will hand select a shortlist of potential trustees with the right skills and experience to make a board effective. If you have questions about any aspects of the TrusteeWorks service, please email them at: [trusteeworks@reachskills.org.uk](mailto:trusteeworks@reachskills.org.uk).

### Campaign on access to justice now online

Justice for All is a coalition of legal and advice agencies, including Law Centres Federation, Citizens Advice and Advice UK, trade unions,

community groups and others. It is concerned that more people will struggle to get the advice they need about legal matters and other problems following cuts in legal aid and other funding. Read more at: [www.justice-for-all.org.uk](http://www.justice-for-all.org.uk) or: [www.navca.org.uk/news/justiceforall.htm](http://www.navca.org.uk/news/justiceforall.htm).

### **Expert panel on community development publishes its recommendations**

Community Development Foundation has established an independent expert panel to look at the challenges facing community development. Download the Final report and findings and read CDF's response at: [www.cdf.org.uk](http://www.cdf.org.uk).

### **Cheque abolition focus on charities**

The Payments Council, the body which aims 'to ensure that UK payment systems and services meet the needs of users, payment service providers and the wider economy', has issued its first newsletter following the proposal to abolish cheques. Download the 'focus' article on "Charities, clubs and societies" at: [www.paymentscouncil.org.uk](http://www.paymentscouncil.org.uk).

### **Charity Commission must make radical decisions due to cuts**

The Charity Commission may have to take radical steps due to its 33 per cent funding cut. The cut may mean that the Commission considers reducing or halting its support to small charities and whether it should partner with other sector organisations: [www.civilsociety.co.uk](http://www.civilsociety.co.uk).

### **Marketing on own website to come under Code of Practice**

In a change to the Committee of Advertising Practice Code, adverts and marketing communications by companies on their own websites and on services like Facebook and Twitter will fall within the remit of the Advertising Standards Authority from 1st March 2011. Read more: [www.Out-law.com](http://www.Out-law.com) or: [www.civilsociety.co.uk](http://www.civilsociety.co.uk).

### **Taskforce to tackle voluntary sector "red tape"**

A 'red tape taskforce to flush out burdens on the voluntary sector' has been announced by the government. The Big Society De-regulation Taskforce will connect with other government initiatives such as the review of the vetting and barring scheme. A suggested list includes responsibilities of trustees and directors, employment law and contractual arrangements in providing public services. The taskforce is due to report to ministers in early 2011. Visit: [www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk).

### **Public liability insurance for smaller organisations**

Public liability insurance for small voluntary organisations and community groups which costs less than £10 a month or £75 a year has

been developed by Zurich Insurance in collaboration with NAVCA and charity specialists Tennyson Insurance. Read more: [www.thirdsector.co.uk](http://www.thirdsector.co.uk).

### **Improving website findability**

Guidance on making websites easier to find has been produced for charities by the Internet Advertising Bureau. The 'Search Toolkit for Charities and Public Sector' includes an Oxfam case study and can be found at: [www.iabuk.net](http://www.iabuk.net).

## **TRAINING**

Please refer to the current training brochure available from the CVS websites or offices.

## **FUNDING**

### **The Big Tree Plant**

The aim of The Big Tree Plant funding scheme is to encourage and support community groups in England to plant trees in neighbourhoods where people live and work. The scheme can fund work such as community involvement, site surveys and expert advice as well as trees, planting materials, labour, and tree care and maintenance.

Grants of between £500 and £25,000 are available for single projects. Applications for larger grants may be considered, for example, for a city wide project. Deadline 15th March 2011. [www.thebigtreeplant.direct.gov.uk](http://www.thebigtreeplant.direct.gov.uk).

**Swimathon Foundation grant** is offering grants of between £300 and £2,500 to swimming pools, community organisations and charities who can demonstrate how funding will allow them to help more people participate in and enjoy swimming and to make swimming more accessible.

Whether you're a scout leader that would like to take your troop for a day at an open air pool, a healthy living group wanting to try our Aquaerobics for the first time or a scuba diving club desperate for new equipment, a grant could be the helping hand you need!

For more information and to apply online please visit the website: [www.swimathon.org/foundation](http://www.swimathon.org/foundation). The first round of applications closes on 21st March 2011 so make sure you pass on the word to anyone who may be interested.

Contact: [info@swimathonfoundation.org](mailto:info@swimathonfoundation.org) or: 0845 459 9016.

**The National Lottery Awards** are an annual search to find the UK's favourite Lottery-funded projects. Lottery players raise £28 million each week for projects all across the UK, and the Awards are a great way to highlight how that funding has changed the UK for the better. This

is your chance to tell your story and celebrate the hard work, dedication and achievement of your Lottery-funded project.

The awards are open to anyone, individually or as part of a group, who has successfully been awarded and used Lottery funding for any type and size of project, which has benefited UK residents. Deadline for receipt of entries is 5.00pm on 18 February 2011. To enter visit: [www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk](http://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk).

### **Santander funding for financial education, training and capability**

Santander has grants of up to £30,000 available to charities that directly help disadvantaged people with education and training and/or financial capability. For more details visit: [www.santanderfoundation.org.uk](http://www.santanderfoundation.org.uk) or email: [grants@santander.co.uk](mailto:grants@santander.co.uk).

### **West Sussex Community Care Grant Fund**

Financial assistance is available to help health and social care projects in rural areas of West Sussex, to help with purchasing equipment, start-up costs, volunteer expenses & publicity.

Contact Action in Rural Sussex for further information:

Nicola Dudley, Action in Rural Sussex, Sussex House, 212 High Street, Lewes, BN7 2NH, Tel: 01273 407301. Email: [nicola.dudley@ruralsussex.org.uk](mailto:nicola.dudley@ruralsussex.org.uk); Web: [www.ruralsussex.org.uk](http://www.ruralsussex.org.uk).

### **Wates Foundation - Grants Programme**

Grant for third sector organisations that promote social responsibility and address issues of disadvantage in eligible English counties including Sussex.

Eligible expenditure includes; a specific project, rent, non-project specific salaries, staffing & training. The application process is ongoing and interested applicants may apply at any time. Committee members meet every June, October and February to assess applications.

For more information contact:

Wates Foundation, Wates House, Station Approach, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 7SW, Tel: 01372 861000; [director@watesfoundation.org.uk](mailto:director@watesfoundation.org.uk).

### **The Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales**

The Foundation's approach to good grant making - Total Grant Care - is designed to work with charities from initial enquiry through the lifetime of a grant. It is a consistent and transparent approach that ensures they give the best support and advice to charities irrespective of the outcome of their application.

For more information about the Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales and about the application process and guidelines, please visit: [www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk](http://www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk).

## **RESOURCES**

### **The National Council for Voluntary**

**Organisation's range of handbooks**, the Good Guides are their best selling publications. Providing comprehensive information on topics such as employment, finance, trusteeship and investments, whether you're a beginner or an experienced practitioner these guides will help you become more effective.

Divided into clear chapters they are simple and easy to use with checklists, legal information, changes in legislation, and case studies all included giving you the latest guidance on best practice.

For more information and to buy copies click on: <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/goodguides>.

### **Paying for Long Term Care in England**

A guide for older people and disabled people has been published. This will help those affected make informed choices around paying for care by signposting and encouraging them to seek information around paying for the service. The guide has been published by the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS). It includes details of the different options for paying for care and how to find the right advice. For more information and to access the link to the publication, go to [www.adass.org.uk](http://www.adass.org.uk).

### **New guide to working with councillors**

Urban Forum and Bassac recently published a handy guide to working with elected officials. 'Local Action: the handy guide for communities working with councillors' can be downloaded from the website: [www.urbanforum.org.uk](http://www.urbanforum.org.uk).

### **Local Grants for a Strong Independent Local Voluntary Sector**

NAVCA has updated its 'Defending Local Grants' leaflet (2007) and has published 'Local grants for a strong independent local voluntary sector'. It contains resources you can use at local level to help you convince councillors, commissioning officers and procurement professionals that grants should continue to be used to fund local organisations and groups. [www.navca.org.uk](http://www.navca.org.uk).

### **Find HR Support in your area with NCVO's New Directories**

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) has developed a series of directories to help make it easier for voluntary and community sector employers to find appropriate HR services at a local, regional or national level. The entries in each directory make clear how you can contact the service provider, providing their location and the geographical region(s) they serve. Most importantly, each entry identifies the key HR services that each provider offers, so you are able to make informed decisions about which providers to contact.

Visit: [www.raise-networks.org.uk](http://www.raise-networks.org.uk).

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### 3 Cheers for Volunteers – Volunteering Exhibition

Running till 27th Feb at East Grinstead Museum.

### Supporting Volunteers Day

15th February, Billingshurst Village Hall.

### Census

27th March.

### East Grinstead Life Show

2nd April, Jubilee Community Centre.

### Greater Haywards Heath Bike Ride

17th April 2011.

### Local Global Mid Sussex

30th April 2011 2.00pm until 5.00pm, Clair Hall, Haywards Heath.

## EAST GRINSTEAD CVS

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Website: [www.egcvs.org.uk](http://www.egcvs.org.uk)

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**Volunteering Information:** Loral Bennett

**Development Workers:**

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**Development Worker:**

Regina Choudry

### Contact the CVS Office for:

- more information on any of the above;
- if you would like to receive a large print version of the newsletter.

Please photocopy for your colleagues and pass on the information as widely as possible. This newsletter is available online through our websites: Mid Sussex (South) CVS [www.msscvs.org.uk](http://www.msscvs.org.uk); East Grinstead CVS [www.egcvs.org.uk](http://www.egcvs.org.uk).

### Newsletter Contributions:

We welcome contributions of up to 100 words in any form. If you are able to, send them by email, either in the body of the email or as an attachment. If you send us news of your voluntary organisation, we will be very happy to include it.

Please check that we have your correct details and, if not, contact us so that we can amend the database. Thank you for your help in this matter.

- Be sure that we know your Group's email address so that we can keep you informed of any urgent information.

**Note!** Deadline for the next issue is: Spring - 17th March 2011

*Visit our websites:*

[www.msscvs.org.uk](http://www.msscvs.org.uk) and [www.egcvs.org.uk](http://www.egcvs.org.uk)



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