

Lead Member Update – Culture and Leisure Update May 2013

1. Voluntary Sector

Grants - The three year agreements with Core Organisations for grant support from Corby Borough Council finished in March 2013.

The Core funding available was opened up for not for profit organisations to apply to be considered for grant funding. Nineteen organisations applied with a total of £240,495 funding requested. Members of the Grants Sub Committee short listed nine organisations who were invited to present their organisations' priorities to Members of the Grants Sub Committee and Officers from Culture and Leisure.

At the short listing and presentation stage Members were required to determine the organisations to be supported based on how well they met the priorities identified within the Community Plan objectives. From the presentations Members recommended seven of the nine organisations for Core funding and allocated grant funding as follows:

The agreed grants budget for 2013/14 is £197,310

Core Organisation	Grant Funding Awarded
Citizens Advice Services Corby and Kettering	£35,000
Northants Sunflower Centre	£13,000
Teamwork Trust	£5,000
Safe Haven	£4,000
The Wildlife Trust	£4,000
Corby Furniture Turnaround Project	£3,000
Groundwork/Corby Voluntary and Community Services	£19,500
Total	£83,500

The division of the allocation for Devolved Organisations has been agreed at £113,810.

Oakley Vale Community Centre The build has slipped due to the inclement weather, and whilst no confirmed date has been agreed, the Management Committee are working very hard in making provisional plans to open July 2013.

2. Recreation

East Carlton Country Park A partnership with Moulton College will see students assisting with carrying out some tree maintenance allowing the students to gain their qualifications. The Corby Walking Festival and Lakelands 'Fun Day' Hospice was held between 3rd to 6th May, both events were extremely popular and well attended.

Rockingham Triangle Report to April OCPC approved the future governance, leases and capital for the Sports Pavilion and Athletics Stadium and revenue grant support to both the Rockingham Triangle Community Interest Company and Athletics Club.

Thoroughsale and Hazelwood Woodlands The Woodland Steering Group has reconsidered the Gateway Interface at reduced cost. The tender for work on the Interface is being drawn up. The winter coppicing programme has been completed. The volunteers have worked very well considering the wet weather. The Forestry Commission grant for £4.5k has been received.

There has been a successful application to Wren to fund £53k for an educational training room at the Boating Lake. This will provide a base for the woodland volunteers, a training room and also room to offer team building/corporate days. The tenders have been returned to install lighting bollards along the pathway between the Boating Lake and the Pool. It is anticipated work will be completed in July.

Coronation Park The C&L team are supporting the Friends of Coronation Park in planning a 60th celebration on July 27th. They are also looking at the possibility of a sensory garden in conjunction with Groundwork.

Abington Road Playing Fields The Spring Fair will be on site from 7th May and opened by the Mayor on Saturday 11th May. There will be a schools special needs session on Wednesday 15th May.

Golf Course During the last financial year the golf course was closed for a record 29 days and was over 10,000 rounds down on the previous year. To help promote the Course a direct debit arrangement has been introduced. The contractor has also invested £84,000 in new grounds maintenance equipment.

3. Culture

Arts Council England, Creative People and Places Grant funding is targeted towards areas in the country that are deemed to be in the bottom 20% for engagement in the arts, leaving Corby one of several places eligible in the Midlands. A reapplication by a consortium of local public and private sector organisations has been successful with £1m being secured. Groundwork Northamptonshire will act as the accountable body that will cover three years with a specially appointed project Steering Group and Advisory Panel.

The Core at Corby Cube have revised their business plan and have been holding workshops reflecting on their vision and mission.

Corby Heritage Centre The Heritage Centre will be opening a new exhibition based on the early years of Corby Steel Works during May 2013. The exhibition will look at the early years of Stewarts and Lloyds, its arrival in a small Northamptonshire Village, the migration of people to Corby, the homes offered to workers and some of the fascinating facts behind steelmaking in Corby. The exhibition will also touch upon the rise and fall of steelmaking in Corby and the effect of the steel closure in 1979 will include a selection of artefacts from the Steelworks.

Corby Borough Heritage Forum Corby Borough Heritage Forum was successful in gaining an award of £1,260 from Northamptonshire Community Foundation toward local history talks and visits to local heritage sites.

All Our Corbies Corby Borough Heritage Forum was successful in their application to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) under their one off funding programme called "All our Stories". The forum received the maximum award of £10,000 to be used in a series of workshops, visits and research that aim to make a local archive more accessible to the community.

Corby Steel Works Archive Corby Borough Heritage Forum, having made their first successful bid to HLF, decided that their next project should tackle one of their earliest stated aims, which was to begin the job of bringing a large collection of steel works material currently stored at Northants Records Office into the public realm. This particular archive has its difficulties in that although it is safely stored and well looked after, it is completely uncatalogued and therefore it is inaccessible to any member of the public and to members of staff. The forum has submitted an expression of interest form to HLF for funding to begin the process of sifting through the material and determining exactly what is there and bringing the collection to a state where staff and public can identify items in the collection.

The ambition of the forum is that within this very large collection there could be items of importance to Corby's Steel heritage and that discovery of these items could lead to further projects to interpret this information for the benefit of the community.

4. Health and Wellbeing

Health Champions Four employees at CBC have undertaken Health Champion Training. All have been successful in achieving The Royal Society for Public Health Level 1 Raising Health Awareness and Level 2 Health Improvement Training. All four are automatically involved with a countywide network led by

Public Health Northamptonshire with the aim of raising awareness of health in the workplace by signposting to appropriate services such as stop smoking, promoting campaigns such as Keep Warm, Change 4 Life and NHS Health Check. Next steps are to raise the profile of Health Champions. The Health Champions will have their official launch on Thursday 16 May at 1pm, the first campaign they will be promoting will be "Walking for Health", they will be promoting a new Walk Leaders Course which will hopefully encourage new leaders to develop health walks within the Borough.

Health and Wellbeing Strategy Update The updated draft of the strategy has been taken to the Countywide Health and Wellbeing Board.

Sports Facilities Strategy (SFS). After two months research the draft SFS has been printed and is available in the Members room for a period of consultation throughout May. The strategy looks at sports provision within the Borough and identifies the sports facilities required over the next 15 years to meet the expected increase in population and participation. Please contact Liz Hudson (4323) if you require any further information.

Happenin Project - The Happenin' team has now launched the sessions at West Glebe Park on a Friday afternoon / evening and the numbers are starting to pick up already. The other 6 sessions a week continue to be well attended with around 145 young people coming each week. A group from Arran Community Centre will be doing a sponsored sleepover at the end of May to raise money for the Teenage Cancer trust.

The Management team of the Happenin Project continues to be involved in lots of other Projects and attend meetings, including the organising of the Ofsted registered SPLAT camp (held at Lodge Park Sports Centre every holiday period), the Anti Social Behaviour Case Management meetings, the Young People's Joint Action Group (YPJAG) who are working on a Borough wide website to promote activities for young people and also putting a bid together to hold another Children and Young People's Celebration event towards the end of the year. The monthly Early Help Forum is another meeting that is regularly attended to help young people in the Borough who are in need of additional support.

SPLAT camp The new Corby SPLAT camp took place again during the Easter Holidays, and attracted 54 young people for 183 hits (defined as 1 visit per child per day). The average daily attendance was 20 young people, which is increasing every holiday and providing much needed income to supplement the shortfall in the budget for the year 2013/14. Extensive advertising and promotion should see the May / June and more importantly Summer holidays be even better attended.

Sports Development Friday Evening Diversionsary Activities:

CBC Sports Development will also be starting in May 2013, a Street Football Project for 11-19yrs in partnership and funded by Community Safety.

CBC Sports Development will be covering NACRO basketball sessions for 11-25 year olds, that runs every week at Lodge Park Sports Centre. NACRO has come to an end and as the session was very popular with hard to reach young people, CBC Sports Development have agreed to take on the session to develop them and increase participants. The sessions are every Wednesday 5-6pm at Lodge Park Sports Centre.

Schools Coaching Programme Through the Schools Coaching Programme, CBC Sports Development uses qualified coaches in a variety of sports to deliver high quality coaching within curriculum time or as after school clubs. The programme is running in 4 schools, a total of 8 sessions per week. Sports covered this term are – Cheerleading, Multi-sports, Fencing and Street Dance.

Small Grants – Leadership Project As part of the CBC Sports Development Team Sport England's Small Grants funded programme, a Dance Leadership Level 1 Award will be running at Lodge Park throughout May and June 2013. This award is open to anyone over 13 years old and once successfully completed, will allow the participants to assist with instructing Dance sessions.

Sportivate Funding:

CBC Sports Development has been working in partnership with Northampton Saints and S and L Rugby Club, to successfully gain £2,470 of Sportivate funding, to run rugby sessions for 14-25 year olds in Corby. Northampton Saints will be delivering the project throughout 2013 at various sites in Corby.

West Glebe will host the regional Cross Country Championships in November 2013. In partnership with Corby Health and Fitness they will be delivering a six week healthy lifestyle course to parents of local schools and children's centre covering topics such as healthy eating and smoking cessation. The first course is currently being delivered at Kingswood Children's Centre.

A public consultation process is currently underway in view of launching an Active Agers Club which would look to encourage adults over the age of 45 to come along, once a month, to take part in some form of sport or physical activity. The group would look to use the facilities at West Glebe, Lodge Park Sports Centre and the Pool.

Activity on Referral (AoR) The Council has the highest retention and membership throughput for any AoR scheme in the region. This will develop further over the coming year with investment in training and marketing, which will allow current numbers of referral to double to 300 over the coming year.

Cardiac Rehab - has grown with 69 new referrals over the previous year. This now serves the north of the county to ensure people who have suffered with Cardiac conditions have the opportunity to access a service and improve their health. 85 people now use the service once a week.

Stroke and Pulmonary Rehabilitation session was launched in April. Similar to cardiac rehabilitation, the intention is create sustainable projects to help reduce health inequality throughout the north of the county. The projects work in direct partnership with Corby CCG and Kettering General Hospital.

Corby East Midlands International Pool One Diving Apprentice post started on the 2nd April, the second position, which is an Aquatic Apprentice, will start in July, both posts are for 12 months and will include full training to ensure they are able to teach swimming and diving lessons.

Corby Steel Diving Club successes. 16 club members attended the Shipley Novices competition winning a bronze medal in the girls under 10 category and seven children were placed in the top 10 of their age category competing against City of Sheffield, City of Leeds, Bradford and Harrogate. A Dive Gym video play back system has been installed to aid the coaching and development of the divers. The equipment costs £8k paid for by the Club undertaking fund raising.