

West Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership

Press Release

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Community Treasure Chest Shares Its Wealth

Local communities are set to benefit from over £24,000 of grant aid delivered by the West Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership, as the coffers of the Partnership's Community Chest are opened and the contents distributed.

The Community Chest Fund was launched in April this year and local voluntary and community groups and town or parish councils were invited to apply for money to get local projects off the ground. Bids had to be £2000 or less and needed to match some of the Partnership's main aims: opportunities for children and young people; safe and sustainable communities; healthier communities and a prosperous economy.

Thirty-eight applications were received and 16 have been successful. Projects range from improvements to village halls and meeting rooms, to pre-school equipment, play areas, conservation projects and help for older people.

David Wood, manager of the West Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership, says: "We are delighted to be able to help local groups realise projects which would otherwise have been out of their reach. The money will benefit all sectors of the community across West Suffolk to help make life better."

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Notes to editors

Projects

The successful projects were as follows. Please note we will issue individual press releases with details and sums involved as each project develops, as well as letting you know of any photo opportunities.

1. Little Waldingfield parish room refurbishment
2. Little Waldingfield rebuild unstable boundary wall
3. Sudbury Common Lands fuel storage for conservation management
4. Bures village hall improvements
5. Newmarket and district Citizens Advice Bureau funding for home visits
6. Green Light Trust community woodland at Great Barton
7. Mildenhall out of school club outdoor play area
8. New Moreton Hall Pre-school facilities
9. Risby Pre-school facilities
10. Newmarket Day Centre magazine to help older people remain in their homes
11. Nacro tenant awareness training for Forest Heath area
12. Little Acorns Childcare (Bury St Edmunds) play equipment
13. Bury St Edmunds Volunteer Centre information leaflets in foreign languages
14. West Suffolk MIND mental health leaflet
15. Red Lodge Conservation Group to clear waste from heath and pathways
16. Bury St Edmunds and district CAB developing pilot to reducing waiting time

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The West Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership was set up 2001 and brings together a wide range of organisations to work towards 'making life better'.

Partners include Forest Heath District Council, St Edmundsbury Borough Council, Babergh District Council, Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Primary Care Trust, Suffolk Constabulary, West Suffolk Voluntary Organisations, West Suffolk College, Environment Agency, West Suffolk MIND, K J Business Consultants, Babergh Communities Together, Learning and Skills Council, Suffolk Association of Local Councils and the Federation of Small Businesses.

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