

PRESS RELEASE

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‘Local Community Funding Still Available’

For many people and their local community in this current economic situation, times are difficult. But, help is at hand from the West Suffolk LSP who have secured funding to help residents, clubs, community groups, associations and organisations across Bury St Edmunds, Haverhill, Sudbury, Newmarket, Mildenhall and Brandon, including the surrounding villages

There is up to £2000 available per application for people to put towards the cost of purchasing fixed or tangible items such as building materials, sports equipment, outdoor play areas or computer equipment; essentially, if there are items people would like to purchase to support their community activities, the West Suffolk LSP would like to help.

Already in 2010 West Suffolk LSP has provided funding to over 30 local projects, activities and organisations have been supported, with great success and response from the local community. These have included: training young people in sailing, SOS Bus to provide help and support for young adults, materials for an embroidery group, healthy eating and lifestyle workshops, through to cutting carbon emissions and advice on how to manage your personal finances better.

Laurna Compton, West Suffolk LSP Manager expressed immense satisfaction in the funding distributed and how its helped so many local communities, **“Everyone involved with the LSP has put a great deal of effort in and to see how much of a positive impact the funding has made to local people, it really is pleasing to see and hear about. Even though it’s tough at the moment, people are selflessly coming together and continuing to make their community lives the best they can be. I’m very happy that we are helping to achieve this.**

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West Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership

An application for funding is welcome from any type of community focussed organisation, providing they are based within St Edmundsbury Borough Council, Forest Heath District Council or Babergh District Council.

The deadline for application from the West Suffolk Community Chest is 9th December 2010, to find out further details go to www.onesuffolk.co.uk/wslsp.

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Notes for Editors

West Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership is an umbrella organisation that brings together public sector organisations (such as local councils, Police and Primary Care Trusts) and representatives from local businesses and voluntary or community groups.

They work together to make life better for residents, organisations and businesses in West Suffolk by concentrating on issues such as health and well-being, specific needs of people, community safety, local skills, training and the environment.

LSPs are government-created and the West Suffolk LSP covers Forest Heath, St Edmundsbury and the western part of Babergh.

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