



Swale Voluntary Sector News

July 2011

MP welcomes new charity texting service



Local MP, Gordon Henderson, has welcomed a new service which allows members of the public to donate to charity by text message.

Each charity registers for the free service called JustTextGiving, by creating a Vodafone Individual Code (VIC) which will be unique to them.

Members of the public can then text this code and their donation amount up to £10 to 70070. There is also an opportunity to add Gift Aid. The donation will be deducted from their mobile phone bill or credit.

Vodafone is offering a free marketing support pack for charities to help them to promote their new code.

More information can be found at www.justtextgiving.co.uk or by calling 0800 0521 081.

Mr Henderson said "80% of adults carry a mobile phone these days so this is a great new way of donating to charities and the process is so simple."

"I encourage local charities in Sittingbourne and Sheppey to sign up to this free service, which will hopefully prove successful for them."

JustTextGiving™

by  **vodafone**

Fundraising will never be
the same again

No matter how big or small your charity,
you can now collect donations by text.

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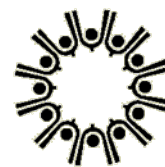
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Reg. Charity No.
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Alexander Centre, Preston Street, Faversham

Thursday 21st July, 2011

Registration at 08.45 for 09.00 start. Ends 13.00

Aimed at:

Those who have occasional contact with children, young people and/or parents/carers

Those in regular or in intensive but irregular contact with children, young people and/or parents/carers

Course Outline

- Identify the roles, responsibilities and processes in place nationally and locally for safeguarding children;
- Describe the 4 types of abuse;
- Recognise the signs, symptoms and indicators of abuse and neglect;
- Respond effectively when children want to tell;
- Record and refer child protection concerns

To book a place on this course please contact:
Shanice Butler

Central House, Central Ave,
Sittingbourne. ME10 4NU

Tel: 01795 473828 email shanice.butler@swalecvs.co.uk



North Kent CVS Partnership

North Kent Partnership has secured 3 years of funding through the Big Lottery Fund. Swale CVS, North West Kent CVS and CVS Medway will use this funding to provide training for the Voluntary Sector across North Kent.



LOTTERY FUNDED

Swale news

Swale Council for Voluntary Service (Swale CVS)

Annual General Meeting

Will be held in:

The Artisan Room

Central House, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne

On Wednesday 20th July 2011

at

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

All are welcome

RSVP to Emily Wardlaw on 01795 473828

or by email: emily.wardlaw@swalecvs.co.uk

Holy Trinity Church, Milton Regis are holding their Summer Fete, Saturday 9th July at 1pm.



All the usual stalls will be there with lots of opportunities to bag a bargain or win a great prize on the raffle or tombola.

Have a go at bell ringing on the mobile bells, chat to our local history expert who has a wealth of knowledge about the area, or just sit back with a cuppa and a slice of home made cake from the Cake Stall and enjoy the afternoon.



The repairs to the tower have been completed however we are still trying to raise money to pay the rest of the bill so your support would be much appreciated.

The next fundraising event will be a concert by the Sheppey Singers which will be held at the church on Weds 20th July at 7.30pm. Tickets available at the door only £4 adults, £2 children under 12.

The singers perform a varied programme with songs ranging from Gilbert and Sullivan to Andrew Lloyd Webber, there will be something for everyone.



Swale Mobile Gateway Community Outreach

Events



The Mobile Gateway will be visiting Swale at these locations and times

Tuesday 12 July 2011 – 9am to 5pm

Sheerness Tesco (car park)

Wednesday 13 July 2011 – 10am to 4pm

Queenborough & Rushenden Gateway Centre

Friday 22 July 2011 – 10am to 4pm

Faversham Morrison Store (car park)

Tuesday 26 July 2011 – 10am to 4pm

Sittingbourne Sainsbury (car park)



Come and find out how the Gateway can benefit you

For more information,
Contact Modupe Dosunmu
01795 417518
modupedounmu@swale.gov.uk
www.swale.gov.uk/sheerness-gateway



Access to public services all in one place

Kent Parent Partnership Service

Shepway Centre, Oxford Road, Maidstone, ME15 8AW

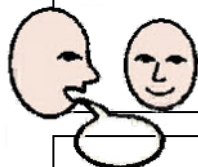
Helpline: 01622 755515

Website: Kenttrustweb.org.uk

Email: partnershipwithparents@kent.gov.uk

Supporting parents of disabled children and children with Special Educational Needs (SEN)

Our aim is to empower parents to feel confident to be fully involved in their child's education and development



DROP IN...

If you would like free confidential, advice, information or support in an informal setting

We do this by:

- ✓ providing information on SEN processes and the legal framework
- ✓ helping with forms and paperwork
- ✓ helping you prepare for meetings
- ✓ providing information on types of SEN
- ✓ signposting to other support organisations

Seashells Children's Centre

Rose Street, Sheerness ME12 1AW

Tuesday 19 July,

Tuesday 16 August

Tuesday 20 September

09:00-11:15

St Mary Children's Centre

Orchard Place, Faversham ME13 8AP

Wednesday 20 July

Thursday 22 September

09:15-11am

Woodgrove Children's Centre

Johnson Road, Sittingbourne ME10 1JS

Tuesday 2 August

Tuesday 6 September

09:00-10:30

Did you know?

Our service also has a **HELPLINE** that can provide personal support.



Also at

Tuesday 12 July and Tuesday 9 August

09:30-11:30

**Minster Community Centre
55-57 New Road
Minster-On-Sea
Sheerness
ME12 3PT**

Wednesday 13 July

11:00-12:30pm

**Murston Children's Centre
Church Road
Murston
Sittingbourne, Kent
ME10 3RU**

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Sunday July 10th

Friends of Oare Gunpowder Works & SAF
invite you to

ARTISTS IN THE WOODS Green Festival



at
Oare Gunpowder Works
Bysing Wood Road, Oare

**Family Workshops, Demonstrations and Walks
through-out the day from 10am -4pm**

**Artists: carving & drawing, Poets, Singers and Musicians, Picnic area,
Free entrance. Free car parking Refreshment facilities available
plus local arts and crafts for sale**



Green Heritage Site



The Friends of Oare Gunpowder Works Country Park is supported by and works in partnership with Swale Borough Council Parks and Open Spaces Dept and Groundwork Kent & Medway

EVENING MINIBUS SERVICE FOR THE ISLE OF SHEPPEY



Sheppey Matters is delighted to announce that an evening bus service will start on the Isle of Sheppey as from 21 June 2011 for a period of six months.

Using minibuses from its Sheppey Wheels project, an evening minibuses service will offer island residents, especially those on the eastern side of Sheppey, an affordable and reliable service from 7pm to 11pm seven days a week. There will be up to three round trips per evening between Blue Town and Leysdown via Sheerness, Minster, Eastchurch, Bay View and Warden.

The fare per single journey is just £2.00 adult or £1.00 child (aged 5-16) or senior citizen. Children under 5 travel free and bus passes are most welcome. The minibuses do have a limited capacity so it's a 'first-come first-served' basis. Passengers are encouraged to buy tickets in advance from ticket outlets situated around the island; single or multiple tickets can be purchased – just date the ticket and travel. Details of ticket points will be advised shortly. Cash payment can also be made on the minibuses.

The evening minibuses service is funded by Kent County Councillor Mr Ken Pugh and was registered following community consultation and comments from local groups and members of the public. It will help the eastern Sheppey community access activities, shopping, events, friends and family in other parts of the island or beyond after the current 7pm restriction. The continuance of the service after December will be dependent upon community support during the trial period. This is the opportunity for Sheppey residents to help shape future transport plans on the island by voting with their feet and travelling with Sheppey Wheels.

Your help is requested in advertising this service in your community to ensure that everyone may benefit from the evening bus service.

For further information or a copy of the evening minibuses service timetable please contact the Sheppey Matters office on 01795 583547.

NEWS

Call for research volunteers - aged over 65

Are you over 65? Would you be prepared to be interviewed for an important study of older people's health and wellbeing?

The **East Kent User Forum** is helping the **Royal College of Psychiatrists** to develop a standardised interview, which could be used by mental health practitioners and researchers to more effectively assess mental health disorders in the elderly.



The interview will be used in a major European survey of people aged between 65 and 84 in six countries, including the UK.

Before starting the main survey, the interview we've developed needs to be tried out with a small number of people to see how well it works, find out if there are any problems with it and get feedback about how it can be improved.

The interview will last a couple of hours and would take place in your own home at a time convenient to you. If you are interested in being interviewed, please contact Maggie Gallant on 01843 230726 who will be able to tell you more about it.

Voluntary and Community Sector

The Government has published the report of a Task Force established to investigate how to cut red tape for small charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises.



www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/sites/default/files/resources/unshackling-good-neighbours.pdf

Giving White Paper

The Government has published a White Paper seeking to renew the culture of philanthropy by working with charities and businesses to support new ways for people to give their time which fits with a busy modern lifestyle.

www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/sites/default/files/resources/giving-white-paper.pdf

Charity Commission

Insurance guide

The Charity Commission has produced a revised version of its guide giving an overview of the different types of insurance available, legal obligations and the options trustees have when identifying and managing risks.

www.charitycommission.gov.uk



The Charity Commission, the independent regulator of charities in England and Wales, has today published the last chapter of ***Protecting Charities from Harm***, its online compliance toolkit for charity trustees.



The toolkit has been developed in partnership with the charity sector and is a useful guide which aims to give trustees some practical advice to help manage risks and protect their charity and its property from harm.

The toolkit can be found on the Commission's website: www.charitycommission.gov.uk

Funding

Wakeham Trust

This Trust has a particular interest in supporting neighbourhood projects, community arts projects, projects involving community service by young people, or projects set up by those who are socially excluded.



Grants range from £75 - £750.

Applicants need to be registered charities or have access to a registered charity that will be willing to accept funds on their behalf.

Further information:

www.wakehamtrust.org

AWARDS FOR ALL Changes

Big Lottery Fund has introduced some changes to the way that their Awards for All scheme operates.



- Groups can now apply for **up to £10,000 per year** as long as they only hold one Awards for All grant at a time
- Groups can apply for an existing activity if the activity hasn't taken place within three years
- An eligibility checklist is on the new application form. This will make the application process easier for applicants.
- Successful applicants that have provided a bank or building society details form in the last two years will not need to resubmit this form as long as they are using the same bank or building society account.

Please also note that we will still be accepting the old application forms until the end of June 2011.

Awards for All England is a simple small grants scheme making awards of between £300 and £10,000.

The Awards for All programme aims to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need.

To do this we want to fund projects that meet one or more of the following outcomes:

- People have better chances in life - with better access to training and development to improve their life skills.
- Stronger communities - with more active citizens working together to tackle their problems.
- Improved rural and urban environments - which communities are better able to access and enjoy.
- Healthier and more active people and communities.

The application form is short and simple.

The new application form and guidance notes are now available.

Tel: 0845 4 10 20 30; Internet: www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/apply.html

Challenge Fund for Historic Buildings at Risk

This new £2m fund is available to voluntary groups who are seeking to rescue historic buildings at risk. This scheme will be jointly funded by the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation and English Heritage but administered by the Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF).



The scheme will act as pump-priming support for projects undertaken by charities and voluntary sector organisations tackling Grade I and II* listed buildings at risk in England.

Applicants must be registered charities or other not-for-profit organisations. Public bodies, private individuals, commercial owners and developers are not eligible. Grants of up to £200,000 are available.

Further information
www.ahfund.org.uk/

JP Getty Jnr Charitable Trust

Grant Value: £10,000 - £250,000

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CHARITABLE TRUST

Currently inviting applications from registered charities in the following areas:

Reducing Re-offending: projects aiming to improve the lot of people in prison and smooth the transition for those leaving prison, maximising their chances of successful resettlement
Improving Prospects: projects providing meaningful occupation for young people aged 14-19 to improve their employability and diminish the risk of social exclusion; work to improve the treatment of refugees and asylum seekers

Repairing Communities: projects led from within the community with the aim of integrating different social and ethnic groups in pursuit of worthwhile goals

Repairing Lives: projects making a lasting impact on the lives of people with substance misuse problems; projects helping people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness

Preserving Heritage: conserving or restoring buildings and landscapes which are of national value and accessible to the public; saving from export art and manuscripts of national importance; developing conservation skills, especially among disadvantaged groups

Sustaining the Arts: nurturing and developing artistic endeavour of the highest quality

Further information:

www.jpgettytrust.org.uk/funding.html

The Drapers Charitable Fund

Aims to improve the quality of life and expectations of people and their communities within the UK, particularly those disadvantaged or socially excluded, through the award of grants in the following fields.

Relief of need:

- Disabled adults (not children), especially those with less visible disabilities such as hearing impairment, dyslexia, mental health issues, and chronic fatigue syndrome
- Support services for the elderly, the vulnerable and carers, especially young carers
- Ex-service personnel
- Prisoners, especially young offenders
- Social exclusion among the under-25s
- Homelessness

Education and training:

- Outreach programmes to encourage young people to continue their education
- Leadership and volunteering programmes
- The promotion of science education

Preservation of the nation's heritage and arts

- Museums, memorials and monuments related to the armed forces
- Public access to the arts for young people

Grant available up to £10,000

Further information

www.thedrapers.co.uk/Charities/Grant-making-trusts/The-Drapers-Charitable-Fund.aspx

The Will Charitable Trust

This Trust provides grants of between £5,000-£20,000 (capital or running costs) for activities in the following categories:



- Care of and services for blind people and the prevention and/or cure of blindness.
- Long-term care of people with learning disabilities either in a residential care or supported living environment in a way that provides a family environment and a wide choice of activities and lifestyle or by providing long-term day/employment activities.
- Care of and services for people suffering from cancer and their families.
- Conservation of the countryside in Britain, including its flora and fauna.

Applications relating to Blind People and Learning Disabilities should be submitted between 1 November and 31 January and for Cancer Care and Conservation between 1 June and 31 August.

Further information

Website www.willcharitabletrust.org.uk/

Community Connections Award - 12 months free broadband

If you are part of a community or charitable organisation that encourages people to go online and use digital technology, you are likely to be able to apply.

The scheme supports a diverse range of community and charitable groups across the UK and is part of BT's Get IT Together campaign.

Deadline: 15 September 2011

Further information

Website

www.btplc.com/Responsiblebusiness/Supportingourcommunities/Digitalinclusion/index.htm



Ben Kinsella Fund

This scheme can provide grants of up to £3,000 to assist young people aged 14-25 seeking to start up their own project to help promote anti-gun, knife and gang violence messages to their local community.



All projects should: promote anti-knife crime messages in schools, colleges or youth clubs; promote positive stories about young people; encourage positive engagement between young people and the police; encourage young people to get involved in their local community.

The Fund is particularly interested in projects that target the following groups: girls; children of 12 years and younger; parents.

Further information

Website www.benkinsella.org.uk/

Digital R&D Fund for Arts and Culture



This £500,000 funding scheme is aimed at helping arts and cultural organisations use of digital technologies to connect with wider audiences and explore new ways of working and generating income.

Projects must relate to the following themes:

- User generated content and social media;
- Distribution; Mobile, location and games;
- Data and archives; Resources and Education & learning.

Eligible organisations include visual and performing arts organisations, cultural organisations in England including arts and cultural archives, literary organisations, museums and galleries, libraries, commercial arts and cultural organisations and creative industry businesses.

The maximum grant is £100,000.

Deadline: 2 September 2011

Further Information

Website www.nesta.org.uk/

Arts Programme

Funding is available to arts based organisations under three specific themes:



- Promoting the use of the arts by people with severe mental ill health;
- Encouraging vulnerable young people to participate in arts activities;

Grants usually range between £10,000- £15,000 a year. In some exceptional cases the fund will consider larger grants.

Applicants must be registered charities, industrial and provident societies, exempt charities and community interest companies or organisations applying for charitable status. Applications can be submitted at any time.

Further information:

Website www.lankellychase.org.uk/programmes/2

Caron Keating Foundation

The Foundation aims to offer financial support to cancer charities encompassing professional carers, complimentary healing practitioners and support groups dealing with cancer patients, as well as individuals and families who are affected by the disease. It will also financially help a number of cancer charities with their on-going quest for prevention, early detection and hopefully ultimate cure.



Examples of successful grants include faster detection machinery; counselling services; hospice care (both at home and in the Hospice itself); drivers to take cancer patients to and from treatment centres and complementary complementary therapies to help with pain control and bereavement counselling.

.Grants are usually under £5,000 with a preference in supporting small charities.

Applications are assessed annually by the Trustees in December.

Further information

www.caronkeating.org/about/



NOMINATE BRITAIN'S UNSUNG HEROES

**A BRAND NEW ITV1 SHOW IS LOOKING TO RECOGNISE
INSPIRATIONAL PEOPLE**

Do you know an inspiring individual who has set up a small charity?

Do you know someone who has battled adversity but fundraises incessantly despite their own difficulties?

Is there someone who works tirelessly for others in your local community?

Would you like to reward a great volunteer in your local area?

Would you like to thank someone for an act of bravery or for saving someone's life?

Do you know someone who has made great sacrifices to help others?

If you know someone who deserves to be recognised
then please get in touch!

**We ask that you do not tell the person or cause you have nominated
as we would like this to be a surprise!**

The closing date for nominations is 11th July 2011.

Nominations received after this time may not be considered.

Email: hero@12yard.com

with **your** name, daytime telephone number, nearest major UK city
and a brief description of the person or cause you would like to nominate
with your reasons why.

Or send this information by post to:

Hero Applications, 12 Yard Productions, 131-151 Great Titchfield St, London W1W 5BB

Internet services provider's fees may apply.

We will not reimburse any postage costs incurred by you in writing to us.

All nominees must be over 18 years of age

The next **SCEN** meetings
will held on

Wednesday 13th July

Wednesday 19th October

at 10.00am

in The Artisan Room, Central House, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne

For agenda items

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