



Big Local North-East Hastings

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In 2012, Local Trust received £220 million from the Big Lottery Fund. 150 Big Local areas were created in the country and each was given £1 million to make their area a better place to live. North-East Hastings is one of them. The area includes Down Farm, Red Lake, Broomgrove, Halton, Farley Bank and areas in between. Following extensive consultation with residents of the area the Resident-Led Partnership started work. This is the first of our Newsletters telling you how we are using this money to make our area a GREAT place to live. You can find out a lot more on our website www.biglocalnortheasthastings.org.uk.

Resident-Led Partnership

Spending the £1 million is overseen by the Resident-Led Partnership. This group is elected at the AGM by residents of the area and consists of local residents: Jackie Gaunt, Mags Pawson, Richard Street, Pat Simnett, Maureen Gardiner and Jim Breeds. In addition there are members with local links: Becky Polain, Martin Styring and Rachel Pearson. Local councillor, Tania Charman, and Graham Hodgson are co-opted members. We meet every month. Richard is the Chair and Jackie the Vice-Chair.



What have we done so far?

We have supported the 4 community centres in the area: Broomgrove, The Bridge, Down Farm and Ore Centre. We have helped fund the feasibility study for a replacement for Sandown School Swimming Pool and supported Heart of Hastings and Ore Community Land Trust. We have funded 3 very successful Fun Days, Christmas parties for youngsters, a community panto, CindORElla, created the Fortune of War pocket park on Priory Road with Optivo. Each summer we have offered coach outings to places of interest. In the current year, we have commissioned Hastings Works to provide a service to enable older residents to acquire IT skills to reduce isolation and enable them to access online services and In2Play to provide free weekly play sessions for 5-11 year olds. Both have been very popular and successful.



Small Grants

In addition to this, our Small Grants Fund offers grants of up to £1066 twice a year. The second round for 2018 will be announced in October, details on our website at www.goo.gl/CVNsCe. This pot has funded a defibrillator at Christchurch in Ore, "Save Energy, Save Money" workshops, Hastings Story-Telling Festival, puppet and theatre performances, Men's Group activities, Silver Sunday lunch for over 100 people, care training for 20 volunteers at St Michael's Hospice, Green Gym sessions for vulnerable women, Boxercise and Zumba, Men's Shed, Girl Guides, Ore in Bloom Christmas tree, Ore Church Mice, Sandown School pond management project, Hastings Game Studios and much more.



1066 Mobile Community Hub



The 1066 Community project received a £4,000 grant from Big Local North East Hastings in July 2017. As part of the project, 1066 Community CIC bought a minibus which was converted into a mobile community hub. It visits local areas sharing information about Big Local, referral agencies and local services and also attends local events supported by members of the 1066 Community CIC.

Since July 2017, the 1066 Community Hub has spent over 100 hours in eight different locations within the Big Local area. The Hub has also spoken to lots of local residents. It has worked with agencies including showcasing Orbit's Better Days project. It also attended the Deepdene Gardens Christmas event.

It proved very useful earlier in the year when a pipe burst in Down Farm and it distributed emergency water supplies to local residents. It collected equipment donated from Horizons Community Learning. It has helped Oasis by collecting goods from Ore Community Centre in preparation for their summer event. The Ore community shop also benefitted from the Hub by making food parcel deliveries to local residents. [Photo shows Graham Hodgson with the Hub]



Small Grants 2018-19

In this year's first round, we have made grants totalling more than £12,000. Here are just a few:

Albion in the Community: Premier League Kicks: Contributions to young people's football project in Ore for two nights a week at Hastings Academy.

Women's Voice: A 6-week well-being course for Women's History group.

Ore Centre Senior Project: Sunday lunch event for more than 100 older residents on nationally recognised Silver Sunday, 7th October.

Ore Church Mice: Two short three-week programmes focussing on using the environment as inspiration for creative play and a trip to the Hastings Museum.

Hastings Game Studio CIC: A pilot after school club, offering game development sessions for 10-11 year olds for the summer term.

Energise Sussex Coast: To develop an ECO show home model. Funding for six visits with in the Ore Valley area



If you like what you've read in this newsletter, why not come and join us in our mission to make North-East Hastings a GREAT place to live, work and play?

See below for the contact details or speak to any of the Resident-Led Partnership members mentioned overleaf.

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