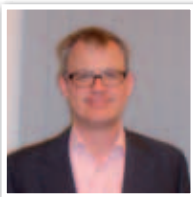




NEW TRUSTEES FOR HCT

Hillingdon Community Trust, which makes around £1m worth of grants each year to voluntary and community groups in the south of Hillingdon, has announced the appointment of three new trustees. All three either live or work locally and will replace long-standing trustees who have reached the end of their terms of office. The three new Trustees are:



David Crofts who works in risk management for Cadbury in Uxbridge. Prior to joining Cadbury, he completed an economics degree at Nottingham University and worked for an insurance actuarial team within a major international insurance broker. Married with two children, he enjoys a variety of sports, travel and spending time with family and friends.



Davinder Sandhu who works for UNISON as National Learning & Workforce Development Officer. She has worked in a learning and skills capacity across schools, colleges, community education and charitable organisations in a range of operational and strategic roles.

Davinder advises a Heritage Lottery funded project and sits on the Hillingdon Police Independent Advisory Group.



Keith Wallis who has lived in Hayes virtually all of his life, attending Minet Junior and Barnhill Comprehensive Schools. He has strong sporting links south of the Borough, as Secretary of the Hayes and Yeading United FC Supporters' Club. Keith is also Club Captain and colts secretary at Hayes Cricket Club.

'Having the right mix of Trustees is vital to the Trust's success. We had some excellent candidates for the trustee roles and we are very excited about the new appointments. These three new trustees bring first-rate skills and knowledge to the Trust as well as tremendous enthusiasm for the important job they will have in governing the Trust and ensuring that we make grants that will make a real difference to the lives of people in Hayes, West Drayton, Yiewsley and the Heathrow villages.'

Commented David Brough, Chairman of Hillingdon Community Trust on the new appointments.



Colin Lowen who lives in Hayes and joined Hillingdon Community Trust as a Trustee in January 2008 has now been appointed Deputy Chairman, taking over from Jon Newman who had reached the end of his term of office.

TRUST'S 6TH ANNUAL EVENT TAKES PLACE AT BARRA HALL

Hillingdon Community Trust's six years of grant making were celebrated at the Trust's Annual Event in June at Barra Hall. Around 100 representatives from local voluntary and community groups attended the event, which featured displays on projects funded by the Trust. The new Mayor of Hillingdon Cllr Shirley Harper-O'Neill attended the evening.



The Mayor of Hillingdon and Chairman David Brough address attendees

Trust Chairman, David Brough, said that he had been struck by the enormous breadth of projects that the Trust has funded since it was established in 2003 and by the energy, innovation and dedication of the organisations and groups in our area running those projects. He also paid tribute to the Trustees who he said are genuinely committed to the values of the Trust and who devote their time and skills to ensuring the effective governance of the Trust and a successful grant-making programme.

"Energy, innovation and dedication"

Two new funding initiatives were announced by David Brough at the Annual Event. The first is aimed at increasing participation in sport and physical activity in the Trust's area, and the second at improving community cohesion. (Further details overleaf)



Executive Director of Green Corridor Jean Rolfe discusses her project with Trustees Christine Taylor and Elaine Jacobs.

NEW TRUST FUNDING INITIATIVES

Hillingdon Community Trust's Board has given the green light to two new funding initiatives. The new initiatives follow a review of the Trust's strategy and a desire by the Trustees to develop our grant making so that it targets needs in our area more specifically.

Hillingdon is becoming increasingly diverse: by 2016, black and minority ethnic communities are projected to form 33% of the population. In some of the southern six wards, this proportion will be nearer 50%, so issues of integration between communities are bound to become a higher priority. Economic pressures tend to increase community tensions so imaginative projects that aim to improve community cohesion will become increasingly important. Although this has always been one of the elements we have considered in making grants, it is clear that more work needs to be done to encourage the design of projects that will have a lasting impact on community cohesion in our area in the Southern six wards of Hillingdon.

The Trust's research into successful community cohesion projects indicates that the most successful ones are able to bring:

Breadth of reach to a large number of people, like schools or libraries

Passion within the organisation to improve community cohesion

Resource and organisational capability to implement an effective programme

Ability to access a mix of newly arrived and longer established communities

Groups of people together for activities

The Trust is keen to talk to groups about funding for initiatives that can deliver these elements

Health and well-being are also a challenge for the southern wards of Hillingdon. Residents in our area are more likely to suffer from chronic illnesses or obesity and the mortality rate is generally higher than in other wards. The Trust wants to use its funding to improve quality of life for all residents and as part of our grant-making we will be establishing a special initiative, in the run up to the 2012 Olympics to increase participation in physical activity and sport to improve health and well-being for people in our area. Further details of how this project will develop will be available soon, but again groups that have plans that fulfil the objectives of this initiative are invited to contact the Trust to discuss them and to explore funding.

TRUST FUNDING FOR A BIGGER, BETTER TOWNFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Townfield area residents are looking forward to a bigger, better community centre which will provide valuable new local facilities and incorporate state-of-the-art environmental technology.

The project will use much of the existing structure of the centre, which has been closed for some four years. The redevelopment has been designed around residents' requirements and will bring the building up to the latest standards for accessibility and security. Hillingdon Community Trust has invested £100,000 into the £800,000 project.

When Construction partner Apollo Property Services began work on the site, their first job was to clear the site of accumulated waste, leaves and other rubbish which had built up while the centre and its grounds were out of use. Representatives of all organisations involved in turning plans for the upgraded centre into reality got together with the Townfield Residents' Association to mark the milestone in the centre's history.



Project partners mark the commencement of building the new Townfield Community Centre

Cllr Philip Corthorne, Cabinet Member for Social Services, Health and Housing at Hillingdon Council said: *"This new start marks the beginning of an exciting time for Townfield residents. Many people, including residents and organisations which support them, have worked very hard to get this off the ground. It shows what we can achieve when we pull together with a clear idea of what needs to be done."*

As well as Hillingdon Community Trust, funding for the redevelopment has come from the Government's Community Assets fund, Hillingdon Homes, Paradigm Community Grants and Age Concern Hillingdon. Age Concern plans to run local projects and services from an office in the centre and has been granted a 25-year lease by owner Hillingdon Council. Hillingdon Community Trust will also be funding a development manager for the Centre to help to make sure the wider community benefits from the refurbishment and to ensure sustainability.

The building work will take around six months and will make use of innovative ground heat source technology to meet all of the centre's heating and hot water needs. The centre will include a ground and first floor extension, installing a lift and a new kitchen, and office and meeting space for hire. Residents will be able to visit a dedicated wellbeing room for health and beauty treatments, and access the internet using computers in the centre's new cafe.

GROWING PLANS FOR HARMONDSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Pupils at Harmondsworth Primary School will be able to grow their own food in a new greenhouse and growing area funded by Hillingdon Community Trust.

The new facility, which was funded by a £22,000 grant from the Trust, was opened on Monday 8th June 2009 by the Mayor of Hillingdon, Cllr Shirley Harper O'Neill and David Brough, Chairman of Hillingdon Community Trust.

Head of Harmondsworth Primary School, Eleesa Godfrey, commented, *'Harmondsworth Primary School is accredited as a 'Healthy School' and we have developed a policy to ensure that healthy eating is promoted within our school. As part of that policy, we wanted to develop an area where the children can grow and care for plants all year round, and this new atrium means we can do that. It's already proving very popular with the children and with teachers. As well as learning about eating healthily, the new atrium will allow us to teach many areas of the curriculum in an exciting way. All of the children learn about science and plants and the atrium will be used to enhance our lessons about the environment.'*



David Brough and The Mayor of Hillingdon viewing the work of Harmondsworth pupils in the new school atrium.

Children at the school have started putting their skills to good use by starting a gardening club with the help of parents and grandparents.

David Brough, Chairman of Hillingdon Community Trust, commented, *'The Trust is keen to improve the health and wellbeing of residents in the Trust area and projects like this can have very positive benefits not only on children who will learn about growing a wide range of foods and about eating healthily, but also on the wider community. The Trust is very pleased to have been able to fund this fantastic new facility and we are delighted it is enriching the education of children at Harmondsworth Primary.'*

PARENTS JOIN CHILDREN TO CELEBRATE CULTURES

A small grant from Hillingdon Community Trust has enabled children at Minet Junior and Infant Schools in Hayes to celebrate different cultures as they learned about customs from around the world.

The Trust's grant towards One World Week celebrations at the School helped to bring together 1,500 people including parents and pupils from the two schools as well as community representatives. The event celebrated music, dance and customs which highlight the local community. Parent feedback indicates real progress in community cohesion with many commenting that this was the first event they had attended where diverse cultures had an opportunity to get together as 'one'.



Minet School pupils and parents celebrating 'One World Week'

The school was delighted with the response from parents and envisages that the grant will bring lasting benefit to children in recognising and appreciating diverse cultures and customs. A DVD was produced for families and the project was publicised through newsletters, posters/flyers and local radio.

'This small grant has reached a huge range of cultures in our area and could be a good model for future grants aimed at promoting community cohesion. The school has done a very good job of bringing such a large number of people together for the celebration event. The success of the event is largely due to the enthusiasm and innovative approach of the staff involved.'

Commented Christine Little, Director of Hillingdon Community Trust.

RECENT GRANTS AWARDED BY THE TRUST

The Board made the following grant awards in March and July 2009

ORGANISATION AND PROJECT AMOUNT AWARDED

4th Hillingdon Boys Brigade Company To purchase a replacement minibus that will comply with new low emission regulations	£3,850
Hillingdon Credit Union School based 'First Savers' Club' for children	£7,500
Minet Junior School Young Enterprise Day as part of One World Week in school	£4,400
Cornerstone Centre To run drop in session for elderly people in Yiewsley and provide IT training and physical exercise programmes to improve independence	£4,000
Hillingdon Law Centre To organise a series of seminars for local residents in the Heathrow villages to provide legal and other professional advice on the options available to them to secure their futures given the threat of the 3rd runway.	£6,500
Barra Hall Community Development Committee Enable smaller community organisations/groups to draw down funding for resources to decorate a float, make costumes and hire vehicles and equipment.	£5,000
Minet Junior School Pilot on behalf of the local extended schools partnership for a multicultural 'One World' festival for the pupils, families and surrounding community of the five schools within the partnership in order to promote community cohesion	£5,000
TAGEERO To increase opportunities for BME communities, in particular refugee men and women, to become volunteers by the provision of specific training and support over a six month period.	£3,968
Bell Farm Christian Centre Creative Youth – creative arts project for young people	£7,430
Cherry Lane Primary School To establish an outdoor library at Cherry Lane Primary School to enable children and adults to have fun reading outdoors.	£4,000
Point in the Park Partnership To provide young people with structured informal educational programmes throughout the half term and holiday periods.	£45,000 over 3 years

Green Corridor To develop new environmental training, education and community cohesion projects and evolve existing ones to improve impact and sustainability.	£90,000 over 2 years
Age Concern Hillingdon A development manager for the refurbished Townfield Community Centre to ensure the wide community benefits from the facility and to develop sustainability plans.	£67,000 over 2 years
Beatbullying Beatbullying Tunes	£36,018
West London Floating Classroom To deliver an environmental teaching programme to local school based upon the West London Floating Classroom	£52,000 over 2 years
P3 Weapon awareness in Hillingdon - understanding the impact of gun and knife crime on you and your community	£14,442

DEADLINES FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

Wednesday 9th September 2009

(Board date - Tuesday 6th October 2009)

Wednesday 4th November 2009

(Board date - Tuesday 1st December 2009)



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