

## TRUST APPOINTS NEW CHAIRMAN AND TRUSTEES

Hillingdon Community Trust formally appointed a new Chairman and new Trustees at its January board meeting.



David Brough is well known as former Head of Democratic Services at the London Borough of Hillingdon. From his role within the Borough, David worked closely with the community. He is a Freeman of the Borough and has received commendations from the Police Commissioner and the Borough Commander.

David has wide experience of working with statutory and voluntary agencies and the media and is a former Trustee of the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital. David replaces Mark Boleat, the Trust's founder Chairman, who has reached the end of his term of office. David commented, 'Mark has done a magnificent job in chairing the Trust through its establishment and its first five years. He has ensured that there is a strong team of Trustees and that the Trust is properly resourced and has the right systems in place to make sure that the Trust can make a real difference to people living in its area. He is going to be very difficult to follow, but I am very much looking forward to leading the Trust through its next phase of development.'

Also newly appointed are three Trustees. Colin Lowen, relationship director of the Royal Bank of Scotland, specialising in the not for profit sector, who lives in Yiewsley; Jody Hawley, also of West Drayton, is acting housing strategy manager at the London Borough of Hillingdon; Isabel King is a qualified architect and former director of community and the environment at Groundwork Thames Valley. She is currently an independent consultant.

## TRUST GRANT PUTS POLICE ON THEIR BIKES

Residents in Yiewsley, West Drayton, Hayes and the Heathrow Villages can expect to see more police officers and PCSOs in their area following a grant by Hillingdon Community Trust of £6,340 to the Safer Neighbourhood Team of the Metropolitan Police to buy 10 new bikes. The bikes are purpose built for police use by 'Specialized Bikes'. They will replace the current fleet of cycles that are very expensive to maintain and will give officers a greater opportunity to patrol their patch on bikes.

Christine Little, Director of Hillingdon Community Trust, commented, 'Studies have proven that officers patrolling on bikes help greatly to reduce the fear of crime, which is an important issue amongst elderly members of the community. It is fair to say that Officers are also more accessible to the public when patrolling on bikes, so the Trust was keen to support this grant as part of its objective of improving community safety in its area.

Sgt Derek Wheeler of the Safer Neighbourhood Team added, 'Officers are often stopped and given information or informed of crimes that otherwise would not have been reported due to various reasons such as people believing that it is too difficult to contact police. Policing on bikes offers greater flexibility and

tactical options to supervisors when deploying officers to deal with specific situations. For example alleyways can be effectively patrolled in areas of high burglaries and youth disorder can be effectively tackled in parks and green spaces.'



The Trust's Deputy Chairman, Jon Newman pictured with PCSOs from the Botwell team.

## COCA COLA CHAMPIONS

Six schools from the south of the borough competed to be Coca Cola champions in an enterprise event co-organised by Hillingdon Business Forum, Hillingdon Education Business Partnership and Coca Cola and part funded by Hillingdon Community Trust.



Guru Nanak, Harlington Community School, Mellow Lane, Rosedale College, Stockley Academy & Uxbridge College all participated in the Coca Cola Enterprise Challenge in the autumn term.

The launch of the initiative began in September when teachers from each school took part in a training day at the Coca Cola Factory, Edmonton. Eight teachers were given a challenge for their students, in teams of six, to write a report suggesting improved environmental practices within the factory. Over 1500 students took part and the teams in the school from years 10, 11, 12 & 13 had eight weeks to put together their reports, which were collected at the end of the first half term.

Kathryn Maher from the EBP and Julia Fitzgerald from the Business Forum then judged all entries and announced the two winning teams for the finals from each school for both categories; years 10 & 11 and years 12 & 13.

The finals were held on the 13th and 14th November at the BA Concorde club in Heston and were supported on both days by volunteers from Coca Cola Enterprises to support teams as mentors. On both days the teams were given the opportunity to design a brand new soft drink for Coca Cola around the 2012 Olympics and the Environment.

The teams with their mentors – including a teacher team - had to come up with a company name, logo and branding for their new idea which also included designing a poster, recording a radio advert with Hayes FM star Gerard from the Breakfast Show and pitching their final presentation to a team of judges.

The standard was very high but Harlington Community School's year 10 and 11 team came out on top in the finals, and Uxbridge College's drink Grapple came top of the class in the sixth form competition.

Mo Farah, European Cross Country Silver medallist presented the students from Uxbridge College with their prizes of Nano iPods and Coca Cola goodie bags, as well as giving all the participants an inspiring talk around commitment and dedication.

Laraine Smith, Principal of Uxbridge College, said: "We are delighted to be the winners of this competition testing entrepreneurial and team skills, especially when up against such tough competition as the Guru Nanak team, who came second. The Coca-Cola Challenge has proved a great opportunity for students from The Academy at Uxbridge College, which teaches A-levels and GCSEs, to show that they can compete and survive in the real world as well as achieving in their academic studies."

## 1st HARMONDSWORTH SCOUTS KEEP DRY

This local scout group received a grant of £1,630 to buy a large mess tent and two gazebos. Their old tent was worn out and let in the rain. Its very first outing was to winter camp in January.



Scout leader, Janet Woeginger commented, 'Thank goodness we had the new tent because conditions were exceptional for youngsters camping. The new tent enables everyone to fit into the tent to eat at the same time without getting wet or running the risk of the tent collapsing, which was just one of the problems we had with the old tent!' The new gazebo is used to give shelter at camps.



The picture shows 1st Harmondsworth Scouts at the end of their winter camp.

## PRACTICAL TRAINING FOR VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

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Project management and development will be the topic of the next practical training event delivered through the Hillingdon Community Trust/Groundwork Thames Valley Capacity building project .

It will take place on Monday 14th April 2008 (venue to be confirmed) between 10.00 and 13.00 hrs.

The interactive training will look into ways to develop projects based on needs and gaps in services for beneficiaries. The workshop will provide tools, the opportunity to learn from practical experience and management techniques to ensure that the project brings maximum benefits.



Feedback from a recent training session on financial management delivered by Dr Kingsley Antonipillai included comments such as,

**'Course was excellent, learned a lot today'**

**'I have been on private sector finance courses. But this really helped with charitable sector side. The course was excellent and really useful'**

**'Group discussions and sharing of actual/real experience and compared with produced procedures and forms'**

**'Very helpful and good explanations'**

This course is likely to be very popular and places are limited.

So to book contact:

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## EVALUATION OF HILLINGDON COMMUNITY TRUST

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Now that Hillingdon Community Trust has been in existence for almost five years, we are keen to evaluate its progress and achievements and to make recommendations to ensure that the Trust is working as effectively as possible for the benefit of the community in the southern six wards of Hillingdon. We have commissioned consultants to carry out this evaluation and they will be producing their report to the Board in May. As part of their work they will be contacting all the organisations who have applied to the Trust for funding since 2003.

**The evaluation will aim to:**

- Review the Trust's grant-making policies and strategies
- Gain an impartial assessment of the extent to which the Trust has strengthened the voluntary and community sector in its area
- Consider views on how the Trust should aim to improve its performance
- Gain an insight into the way the Trust is viewed by stakeholders in its area
- Consider how the Trust might engage business locally in the funding or joint resourcing of projects

We are very grateful to everyone who has worked with our consultants to provide information for the email questionnaire or to meet the consultants.

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## ROOMS FOR USE BY COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY GROUPS AT BARRA HALL



A number of meeting and conference rooms are available to let at Barra Hall. These are suitable for community and voluntary groups to use for meetings, training sessions or for drop-in sessions. Use must be compatible with Surestart's occupancy of Barra Hall as a Children's Centre.

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For more information on bookings and costs:

**Contact Sue Strachan on 01895 277877.**

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# RECENT GRANTS AWARDED BY THE TRUST

The Board made the following grant awards in November 2007 and January 2008.

ORGANISATION AND PROJECT	AMOUNT AWARDED
<b>St Martin's Parochial Church Council</b> Update and improve amenities in the hall and kitchen for community user groups.	£1,000
<b>Hillingdon Arts Association</b> To support community arts projects in HCT area as part of Hillingdon Arts Week 2008.	£4,400
<b>Sipson Community Association</b> Refurbishment of hall floor to allow and improve use by pre-school groups and others.	£1,535
<b>Middx Young People's Clubs Swimming Section</b> To pay for young people to become qualified swimming teachers and life saving.	£3,000
<b>Sustrans</b> To complete a feasibility study of a network of traffic-free walking and cycling routes within the southern six wards of Hillingdon.	£5,325
<b>Sandgate Boys' and Girls' Football Club</b> To provide tables and chairs for lounge area of club house.	£3,000
<b>Harlington Hospice</b> To expand recreation facilities for people with life-limiting illnesses.	£17,500
<b>Moorcroft School</b> Provision of a new minibus for pupils with severe special needs to access the community programme.	£38,000
<b>I Serve</b> To provide advice, sign-posting and support for refugee individuals to access employment.	£15,950

ORGANISATION AND PROJECT	AMOUNT AWARDED
<b>Harlington Locomotive Society</b> To enable the society's own volunteer workforce to construct a public safety fence and a station platform extension incorporating wheelchair access ramp.	£2,197
<b>Age Concern Hillingdon</b> To link groups of old and young together in a mutually beneficial and enjoyable way.	£7,466
<b>Hillingdon Training Ltd</b> To establish a motor education project at West Drayton Youth Centre to provide vocational training opportunities for young people and those at risk of exclusion.	£110,000 Over 3 yrs
<b>DASH</b> To set up an independent living group for the disabled, providing assistance with social networking and leisure activities.	£46,300 Over 3 yrs
<b>Hillingdon Law Centre</b> To provide free legal help to clients from Hayes with housing, welfare benefits, employment and immigration and assist level one providers.	£45,000 Over 3 yrs
<b>St Mary the Virgin Church</b> Lighting of driveway leading to church hall.	£6,000
<b>Hayes and Harlington District Scouts</b> To offer kayaking and canoeing sessions to young people.	£16,020

## DEADLINES FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

Thursday 17th April 2008 (Board meeting 14th May)

Thursday 19th June 2008 (Board meeting 16th July)

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