

## Digital Umbrella – 50+ and growing up

In the last newsletter we highlighted that Tony Okotie, previously the Business Manager of Digital Umbrella was moving at the end of January to take up a new post as Director of Tameside 3rd Sector Coalition; this has given us the opportunity for reflection and reshaping.

As with any business we have had to take a hard look at those elements which are making money and those which are not currently financially sustainable. Furthermore, we have looked at how we operate to see if there are improvements which can be made in the service to our customers and at the same time save costs.

In reviewing our ICT Training it is with regret that we have had to let Mark Davies go as we were a long way short of covering the costs of this strand. I want to thank Mark for the contribution that he has made to High Peak CVS and wish him all the best for the future. I hope that we can develop a sustainable model for ICT training in the future.

There are several improvements we are making to reduce our management costs and improve the service to customers. Firstly, if you contract with us the people you will be dealing with are our Graphics and Web Designers who will tailor our support to meet your needs and offer a consistency of service. In this way we will be reducing our management costs.

There are two interesting key messages which I would like to highlight, our web designers fear that we have not enough capacity if we market our achievements and at a Board level there is a fear of not winning sufficient work.

We are addressing this by recruiting a new full time web designer to increase our capacity and by improving our tracking of work with Nicola's role being redefined as Digital Umbrella Operations Manager. Nicola will also be working one day per week as ICT Regional Champion from an operations perspective. I will be Business Manager for the next six months while we continue our planning and reshaping and looking at the Regional Champions role from a strategic view.



Digital Umbrella recently had a stall at Voice 08 in Liverpool, the National Social Enterprise Conference. I was very proud to show the 50+ websites we have developed over the last three years. To highlight a few:

[www.peakdirections.co.uk](http://www.peakdirections.co.uk) a first stop web portal to services in the Peak District

[www.integrationlincolnshire.org.uk](http://www.integrationlincolnshire.org.uk) promoting social integration of indigenous and migrant communities

[www.thp.org.uk](http://www.thp.org.uk) Threshold Housing and support opportunities for homeless and vulnerable people

[www.kindertrespass.com](http://www.kindertrespass.com) celebrating the 75th anniversary of the mass trespass on Kinder Scout



*Beatles at Voice 08*

These are examples of where we can fulfil our social mission by increasing the profile of partnerships and organisations involved in bringing about economic, social and environmental change. We are also developing a bursary scheme so that groups with a small income can have the benefits of a website.

I would like to thank the staff for their commitment and positive outlook in this period of change. If you want to find out about the latest developments then take a look at the Digital Umbrella website

[www.digitalumbrella.org.uk](http://www.digitalumbrella.org.uk)

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Chief Executive

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# Welcome to Liz – Our Assistant Web Designer for Digital Umbrella



**Job (and what it means)**  
Assistant Web Designer – Designing new websites for clients, creating graphics, putting the site together and finally training the user how to edit and update the finished site.

**How long have you been at the CVS and what did you do previously?** I started at CVS in January and previously worked for a local sports coaching company looking after the company website.

**What is the best bit about your job?** I love learning new things (which is just as well at the moment!) and working with a great group of people.

**.....and the worst?** Nothing bad really, could do with more time to fit everything in!

**Favourite pop star?** James Blunt at the moment.

**Favourite food and holiday?** Indian and two weeks in San Francisco.

**Best film of all time?** Anything with JJ Feild!

**Book you would take on a desert island?** Wuthering Heights

**Finally, in your own words – aims for 2008?** To continue to learn new skills as a web designer and gain more experience.

## Arts Update



As you will probably know Richard Johnson, the Arts Development Officer, left High Peak CVS in December to take up the post of Children's Festival Manager in Sheffield and by all accounts he is doing well.



The replacement process has taken a little while but it can now be revealed that Nigel Caldwell will take on the Arts Development duties, with effect from April 1 2008. The job title is changed slightly – Arts and Creative Business Manager - to reflect the strand of work that supports creative industries.



However the broad thrust of the post remains the same – to implement the High Peak Arts strategy and in particular support the growth of local Festivals, encourage young people's participation in the art and support the development of creative industries in the High Peak.

If you have any queries about these areas of work please get in touch with Nigel on 01663 736423 or email [nigel@highpeakcvs.org.uk](mailto:nigel@highpeakcvs.org.uk)

## High Peak CVS AGM

This year's AGM  
will be at  
Chapel Town End Methodist Church  
Thursday 16th October  
12.30-3.30pm

## National liftshare Day

**09 Jun 2008**

Promoting car-sharing, both nationally and locally, as a cost effective and environmentally friendly form of transport, which is available to everyone free of charge.

## Deafblind Awareness Week

**23 - 29 Jun 2008**

Deafblind Awareness Week - a great opportunity to raise public awareness about issues facing people who live with deafblindness.

## Spring into Action

**01 May - 08 Jun 2008**

BTCV's Spring into Action campaign, backed by Prudential plc, the Cabinet Office, BBC Breathing Places and Community Channel, runs thousands of events, both large and small, giving people across the UK the chance to get actively involved in looking after their local environment.

## Your Membership is Important to Us and YOU!

You will find enclosed in your newsletter pack, a membership application form (if you aren't members already). Many groups think they are CVS members because they receive the newsletter, however the newsletter gets issued to 900+ groups regardless of membership status; this is one of the ways we can reach community groups that otherwise may not know of the support we can provide.

The CVS is a member led organisation which means it is 'owned' by the members. The Board of Directors are member representatives who ensure the direction and strategies taken meet the aims and objectives of the charity and fulfil members wishes.

We all know the voluntary sector is the building block for creating supportive and positive communities, and we are here to cement that foundation!



Membership is free and offers the voluntary and community groups like yourselves a vote at the AGM, and members meetings; the services we provide are also discounted; for example room hire and printing to name but two are reduced to make them affordable to groups whose funds are limited.

We are here to find funds, advise and provide support about trustee committees and volunteers, devise ways of income generating, provide training and the list goes on. Please see the form enclosed for a long list of member advantages.

In the main, High Peak CVS exists to support the communities in the High Peak and are answerable to you – please join us.



If you are unsure of your membership status, you can check at [www.highpeakcvs.org.uk/members/list](http://www.highpeakcvs.org.uk/members/list).

In addition, we have developed Jackie's role as a 'Membership Secretary' to help increase your links with High Peak CVS. Jackie will be on call to help you if you need to book equipment or rooms and will also be ringing groups occasionally to check the service we have provided has been efficient and helpful.

Jackie can be contacted on 01663 736436; [Jackie@highpeakcvs.org.uk](mailto:Jackie@highpeakcvs.org.uk).

### In Addition

We are introducing a 'blog' in the coming months which will give members an opportunity to comment 'online'; and we aim to hold a members meeting in October 08 (AGM) and May 2009. Watch this space...

Gina Spencer  
Office & Finance Manager  
(and introducing myself as the new editor!)

## Please 'click' to raise funds for your CVS

Over the last few months, we have been trialling a new fundraising service that has been extremely successful. The service is a simple Ask search engine that when used to search the internet as normal can generate funds.

The service is completely free and allows staff, supporters and local business's to generate funds for community groups by just normal searching on the internet without it costing either you or them a penny. 'Ask' shares their revenue with you for creating them more internet traffic.

The service is simply about placing your income generating ASK search engine on as many PC's and intranets as possible and getting individuals to use it to carry out normal internet searching.

It is easy to use this free service and with just a little effort can generate valuable ongoing monthly funds.

By supporting us this way it allows everyone to get involved without it costing a penny. Each active user on average in the past has generated about £30-£50 each year after the first couple of months.

I know this does not sound much and it's slow but it all adds up month on month.

If you would like this free service just send:

Please supply me with a free Ask.com Search box  
Org. Name  
Contact Name  
Contact Number  
E-mail address

And email this to [ronpusey@homepages-friends.com](mailto:ronpusey@homepages-friends.com); this will then be created for you and e-mailed back so you can start using it straight away.

Your ID and results will be available to see on the High Peak CVS website monthly.

Any questions about how the service works please contact Ron Pusey 07962188749, Ron is also being sponsored to visit High Peak CVS each Friday from the 25th of April by ASK.coms partners Alplexus so he will be available to offer even more support for our members.

# News from the Small Group Project

## No Panic

Have you or has anyone you know ever experienced a panic attack? If you have, you will have some idea of how frightening and, certainly initially, how mystifying it is. People can have a number of symptoms including nausea, rapid heartbeat, sweating and an overwhelming need to get away from whatever situation they are in, even if it is familiar and safe. This can rapidly lead to so much anxiety about having an attack, especially in public, that many sufferers start to lead very restricted lives and even become housebound.



The Small Group Project has been happy to be able to help a Buxton resident set up a self-help group for people with this issue. They held their first meeting at the beginning of March and have plans to start a lending library of helpful literature and are looking forward to giving one another understanding, support and encouragement.

Also as a result of this formation, a further need for an age specific group for teenagers and young people has been identified – which could also address the difficulties of their anxious parents. Please contact us if you know of anyone who would benefit from being involved in either group.

## Glossopdale Young Women's Group

The Glossopdale Young Women's group has been meeting now for well over a year, supported by Jackie Hay of High Peak Community Housing. The group is working towards independence and are developing lots of group work skills. At a recent meeting the Small Group Project helped them to consider what is involved in running their own organisation. A quiz which was devised to reinforce some of the points revealed that they had come a long way in their understanding of the responsibilities they would be taking on. We wish them good luck and hope they continue to flourish.



## Small Group Project Special Event

As we go to press plans for the annual Small Group Project are well under way, with a lively and varied programme designed to entertain, educate and celebrate our groups achievements. This year we are pleased to be holding the event at the University of Derby's magnificent Dome. The University have been really supportive to the event, sponsoring some of our workshops and many volunteer students and staff will be involved on the day. The University run a Certificate of Achievement in the Management of Voluntary and Community Sector Organisation. It is to be hoped that this is the first of many events that strengthens the ties between the University and the voluntary and community sector.

## Glossop Access Group

Having updated their Guide to Eating Out in Glossop last year, Glossop Access have now made a start on their guide to accessible meeting venues. This is just one of the many valuable activities that the group carries out for people with access issues and the community as a whole. The group recently held their eighth Annual General Meeting and due to illness of long-serving members, the group really need more people to help with this important role. If this is something you feel you would like to become involved with, please let us know and we will put you in touch with the group.

## Gold Star for 'Kinnaree'

A special mention should go the Thai Restaurant Kinnaree on the High Street in Glossop who have wholeheartedly embraced the advice offered to them from the Access group and invested a lot of time, thought and money into making their restaurant accessible to as many people as possible. We have reason to believe that the food is really good too.....

## Does your group need help from SGP??

Don't forget we're here to help small groups in the High Peak – especially disadvantaged, marginalised and rurally isolated groups. If you know of any groups that need a little support – tell them to give us a try. Ring Sandy at 01663 736426 or Nancy 01663 736427, or Louise 01663 736431 email [sandy@highpeakcvs.org.uk](mailto:sandy@highpeakcvs.org.uk), [nancy@highpeakcvs.org.uk](mailto:nancy@highpeakcvs.org.uk), [louise@highpeakcvs.org.uk](mailto:louise@highpeakcvs.org.uk)

## International ME Awareness Month 2008

01 - 31 May 2008

International ME Awareness Month 2008 is a worldwide collaboration of ME charities and organisations aiming to raise awareness of the neurological illness myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME).

# Derbyshire LINK

## What is a LINK?

Sometimes the people who use services don't feel they have a strong enough voice to change aspects of their health or social care. The introduction of LINKs across the country is part of a process to help the community have a stronger local voice.

## What the LINK will do

Run by local individuals and groups, the LINK will:

- ask local people what they think about local healthcare services and provide a chance to suggest ideas to help improve services
- investigate specific issues of concern to the community
- hold services to account and get results
- ask for information and get an answer in a specified amount of time
- be able to carry out spot-checks to see if services are working well (carried out under safeguards)
- make reports and recommendations and receive a response
- refer issues to the local 'Overview and Scrutiny Committee'

## An example

A number of people raise the issue of GP opening hours with a LINK. The local surgery says they want to open during the evening and at weekends but they have limited resources. The LINK offers to help the surgery find out the hours that will best suit local people. The LINK surveys the community and asks for their views. It also asks LINKs in other areas how they have dealt with the issue. The LINKs research finds that those who work would prefer more early morning appointments, so they can see a GP but not be late for work. As a result, the surgery decides not to open one afternoon during the week so that they are able to open more early morning appointments. They also start a call-back service, so people can have quick telephone consultations.

## Anyone can be part of a LINK

A LINK will ask the community what they think. It's up to you how and when you get involved - you can just comment on issues when contacted or you can get more involved for example, helping to raise awareness of an issue or helping to find solutions (for example, meeting providers, being part of a working group).

## Derbyshire's Link

The Derbyshire LINK covers the whole of Derbyshire except Derby City, which has its own LINK. The LINK is independent of services and is jointly hosted and supported by North Derbyshire Voluntary Action (NDVA) and Amber Valley CVS. These are both community organisations with experience of engaging people and of working with health and social care agencies. Derbyshire LINK will be involved in issues covering any health and social care services used by Derbyshire

people. This means it will be working closely with neighbouring Link organisations to ensure that it addresses issues for people who cross borders, such as those accessing hospitals in Macclesfield, Stockport or Tameside. Amber Valley CVS and NDVA will make sure that the LINK properly addresses concerns in all parts of the county and is very conscious of particular concerns, such as those of people in Glossop, who are served by a different PCT from the rest of the county.

Derbyshire LINK started on 1 April but does not yet have all staff in place. This means that it will be doing as much as it can for the first couple of months but, given recruitment timescales does not expect to be fully operational until towards the end of June. However we still want you to make contact with us if you would like to be involved.

## How do I join the Derbyshire LINK?

Just contact one of the host organisations and give your contact details. We will then contact you to find out more detail about how you want to be involved. The Derbyshire LINK can be contacted via:

**derbyshirelink@avcvs.org**

01246 558924

Derbyshire LINK c/o NDVA  
Office 1, The Market Hall  
Chesterfield  
S40 1AR

**derbyshirelink@btconnect.com**

01773 512076

Derbyshire LINK c/o Amber Valley CVS  
33 Market Place  
Ripley  
DE5 3HA



## Mental Health Resources

Are you a voluntary and community sector organisation delivering family learning? Does any of your work with families include mental health awareness or promote positive mental health? Do you support family learners with mental health difficulties or work in partnership with mental health agencies to do so? If so, we would love to hear from you.

NIACE is in the final stages of developing a resource pack aimed at practitioners and managers in family learning and mental health services who want to work in partnership to improve, set up or develop opportunities that promote access to family learning for adults experiencing mental health difficulties. We are hoping to showcase some examples of innovative work in this area and if you think what you are doing fits the bill, please get in touch with either Clare Meade, Project Officer: Family Learning, NIACE

**clare.meade@niace.org.uk** or Rachel Spacey, Research Officer: NIACE **rachel.spacey@niace.org.uk** by the end of April 2008 for more information.

## Update on Vaughan from Gloss.....

Vaughan Parker is a Glossop-based artist who has become well known in the area as a result of a series of innovative and arresting paintings featuring local scenes and people. Vaughan's pictures, many of which are on a large scale, tend to focus on significant figures and events in the life of the town and include a painting of Glossop Brass Band and a massive canvas depicting the annual Remembrance Day ceremony in the Town Square. This is on permanent display in Glossop Town Hall. Another of Vaughan's projects featuring portraits of local repertory company actors can be viewed in Glossop's Partington Theatre.

Vaughan is a member of GLOSS, a local voluntary group, which alongside the statutory agencies offers support to people experiencing mental ill health. GLOSS stands for 'Giving Lots of Sensitive Support' and that's just what the group aims to do. It meets regularly at the Charles Street Mental Health Project and provides many activities and services. New members of the group are always welcome.



*Some of Vaughan's Miniatures*



## The Allotment People

The vastly ambitious project unveiled on 29th May has taken Vaughan almost 18 months to complete. It is to be erected in the delightful communal garden, transformed from a derelict patch of land which is shared by the Mental Health Project and the local residents. The wonderful picture, reminiscent in some ways of Stanley Spencer's huge, inspiring canvases, has helped to develop the already excellent relations which exist between the project users and its neighbours and has contributed to dispelling some of the myths and stigma attached to mental ill health. Painted on nine large panels, each measuring four by eight feet, it includes life size portraits of service users, staff, volunteers and neighbours, leading panel by panel through a changing rural landscape, smattered at times with playful and provocative allusions to the work of other artists.

Vaughan's latest project is in ceramics and consists of a collection of wildlife miniatures – badgers, squirrels and birds amongst them. The pieces have been designed and made by Vaughan. His ambition is to involve many other people in the production of the collection which eventually could be sold in china shops, garden centres and craft fayres to raise funds for GLOSS and other good causes.

If you would like to get involved with the Ceramics Project, please ring Roland Javenaud on 01629 532686.

## Community Space

If you would like to submit an article about your groups activities please email [Gina@highpeakcvs.org.uk](mailto:Gina@highpeakcvs.org.uk) for further information.



## Volunteers' Week

**01 - 07 Jun 2008**

Volunteers' Week - the UK's annual celebration of the work volunteers with events held across the country to recognise, reward and recruit volunteers.

## One World Festival



The 19th One World Festival will take place in High Lee Park, New Mills on Saturday 21st June. Stalls, live music and children's activities will all be there as usual.

The theme for this year is 'Reduce, Re-use, Recycle', and the 'Make New Mills a plastic bag-free town' campaign will also be launched at the festival.

The festival now has its own website, [www.oneworldfestival.org](http://www.oneworldfestival.org)

## Torr's Hydro New Mills – 'The Big Lift'



Construction work has now begun down in the Torr's in New Mills to install the hydro-electric plant next to Torr weir.

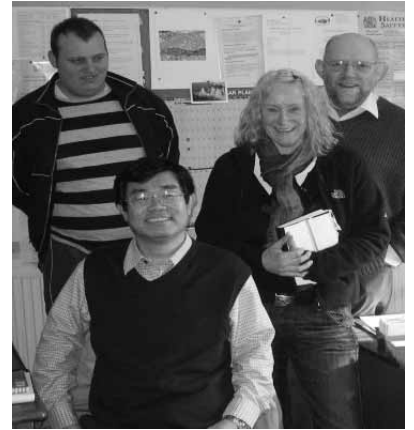
At the time of writing (mid-April) much of the work

has involved excavating the site – with an archaeologist present to record details of the foundations of the old Torr Mill for which the weir was originally built – and relocating a water out-flow pipe.

Richard Body, secretary of Torr's Hydro says, 'The event of the year will be the day of 'the Big Lift'. This is the day when the giant screw arrives from Germany, and is lowered by crane from the Union Road bridge down into the Torr's. Our current anticipated date for this is Sunday 1st June.' (Watch out for more details in the local press and on High Peak Radio).

The group now has a regularly updated online diary or 'blog' where you can follow progress. It can be found at [www.torr's-hydro-new-mills.blogspot.com](http://www.torr's-hydro-new-mills.blogspot.com)

## Advocacy goes East



As usual we seem to have been very busy recently at Peaks and Dales Advocacy. We have, however, managed to squeeze in just over a week's visit from a Japanese professor. Professor Takeshi Murakami is on a year's sabbatical in England studying advocacy. He is a professor of Sociology, teaches social work students in his university and has had a long-term interest in advocacy.

He is based at Birmingham University during his stay in England and he is being hosted by the British Institute of Learning Disability. It was Bild who invited independent advocacy organisations to indicate an interest in inviting him for brief visits to gain insight into independent how advocacy works.

PADA was delighted that he chose us amongst others and we were able to construct a full programme for him during his eight days in the Peak District.

Hoping to show how advocacy in the voluntary sector fits in with community action in general I brought Takeshi to the High Peak CVS Community Development Worker's forum meeting. This was a lively meeting which I think he enjoyed. He certainly contributed a few thoughts at the end of the meeting.

As well as that forum he was able to visit residential and day care provision in the area and to meet advocates, advocacy partners and to join one of our regular management committee sessions.

One of the comments he made towards the end of his visit was that he felt that PADA was the most independent advocacy organisation he had visited. It is good to know we are doing something right. Independence, I feel is vital, in the third sector wherever and whenever it can be cultivated. Appropriate and positive working relationships with statutory bodies too is important.

Professor Murakami values the independent voluntary sector and has led me to believe that he is committed to initiating the development of independent advocacy back home in Japan. It does not at present exist and it is a warming thought that us yokels in the High Peak and Dales may be contributing to interesting and important developments in the land of the rising sun. Maybe we will hear more about this? I hope so.

Peter Dawson  
Manager Peaks and Dales Advocacy

### Carers Week 09 - 15 Jun 2008

The annual celebration of the contribution that the UK's six million carers make to their families, friends and communities.

# Sustain project tips

## Money for Free!



Is your group heavily reliant on donations of money from individuals for its funding? If so, you may well be wondering how you can increase your income.

There are 4 ways in which you can squeeze more out of your donors in order to increase your funds:

- Attract more donors
- Encourage your donors to make bigger gifts
- Persuade your donors to give more often
- Keep your donors so that they give to you for longer

But none of these may be easy for you. For example, if you live in a rural area, attracting more donors who are interested in your activity could be nigh on impossible, or if you appeal to those on low or fixed incomes they are unlikely to be able to afford larger donations.

But there is good news!

UK Tax Law offers several schemes which can help by encouraging donor giving and offering tax relief so as to increase an organisation's income at no additional cost to the donor. These are:

- Gift Aid
- Payroll Giving
- Share Giving
- Legacies

At this point I can hear you saying, 'But we're not a registered charity'. Well the really good news is that you don't have to be a registered charity to benefit from these schemes.

In order to benefit, you need to be either a registered charity, an 'exempted organisation' (such as a faith group) or what's termed an 'excepted organisation'. If your group's aim is charitable and its work is benefiting the community, then it is likely that you are eligible to be an 'excepted organisation'. (If you are reading this newsletter it's quite likely that you fall into this category, but if you'd like to discuss it with a member of High Peak CVS staff do give Esther or Sandy a call on- 01663 735 350).

To find out if you can become an 'excepted organisation' you'll need to contact Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) who administer these tax benefits. They will ask to see a copy of your constitution or governing document. Their helpline number is- 0845 302 0203.

### Gift Aid – Increases the Gift without Cost to the Donor

This is the most popular means of enhancing donations, and every year many millions of pounds are recouped in Gift Aid tax relief.

Where a donor pays UK Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax,

this scheme allows the group to reclaim the basic rate of income tax proportionate to the gift. Basic rate income tax is now 20%. This means that if a basic rate tax paying donor gives a group £100 (for example) he or she will have earned £125 and paid £25 in income tax. Via the government's 'Gift Aid' scheme, the group can collect that £25 from HMRC. Thus from a donation of a £100, the group can receive an income of £125. All with no extra cost to the donor!

You can sometimes be quite creative about which of your members', volunteers' or users' contributions can be classed as eligible for Gift Aid. One youth group I know found that the youngsters' weekly subs could be included (where their parents paid tax). In another organisation some of the volunteers donated their travel expenses, and again found these were eligible.

### So what does a group have to do to collect Gift Aid tax relief?

Find out from the Institute of Fundraising or HMRC (contact details below) what of the funds you have coming in could be eligible for gift aid.

If you are not a registered charity or exempted organisation (with an exemption number) then you need to register with HMRC to become an 'excepted organisation'.

Once you know you are eligible for 'Gift Aid', the group must collect a 'Gift Aid' declaration from each (tax-paying) donor, and keep these records very carefully for auditing purposes.

The declaration should state:

Donor's name and home address including postcode

Name of the group

The value of the gift

Permission to Gift Aid the donation, and specify whether the declaration only relates to this gift or past and future donations. (It is possible to backdate Gift Aid by up to 6 years.)

Confirmation that the donor has paid UK income tax or capital gains tax sufficient to cover the donation.

The donor does not have to make a written declaration: it can be made verbally including by telephone so long as it is formally recorded. (You could record the telephone conversation itself, or take notes of the details and then send a letter or email confirming these facts).

Register the group with HMRC Charities to receive a unique reference number, forms and guidance notes, and complete their form ChN1 which gives them the group's signatory and bank details.

You can now start making claims on behalf of the group: complete form R68 (supplied by HMRC) for the relevant time period, and submit it to HMRC.

If everything is in order you should receive payment within 3 weeks. You could be very pleasantly surprised at how much your Gift Aid amounts to!

## Payroll, Share and Legacy Giving

There isn't time here to go into details of these schemes, though they may be well worth exploring for your group.

If you would like to know more about these or the Gift Aid scheme, come in to High Peak CVS and talk to Esther Jones (01663 736 429). Alternatively the Institute of Fundraising runs a 'Tax Effective Giving' helpline below.



### Useful Resources, Websites and Contacts

Institute of Fundraising –  
[www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk](http://www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk)  
[www.tax-effectivegiving.org.uk](http://www.tax-effectivegiving.org.uk) – a site run by the Institute of Fundraising  
 'Making Giving Go Further' – a free book on tax-effective giving which can be downloaded from the Tax-Effective Giving website  
 Tax Effective Giving helpline – 0845 458 4586  
 Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs –  
[www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities)  
 HMRC Helpline - 0845 302 0203

Esther Jones  
 High Peak CVS

### Changes to Working with Children and Vulnerable Adults

The Government has finalised its consultation about its new scheme that will bar unsuitable persons from working with children and vulnerable adults. This will operate from October this year.

A newly created Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) will compile lists of all persons who have been convicted or cautioned for certain criminal offences, or can be barred following a decision by the ISA. Employers and parents will be able to make an online check with the CRB that a prospective employee is a member of the scheme and thus not barred.

Penalties for failing to make the necessary checks, or for recruiting people who are not members of the scheme, include fines of up to £5000.

For more general information about the ISA and working with children and vulnerable adults, see [www.isa.gov.uk](http://www.isa.gov.uk)

### National Badger Day

14 Jun 2008

A fundraising day for the Badger Trust who work tirelessly to save badgers.

## Funding news...

### 'HEALTH IS FOR LIFE' COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

The Small Group project has recently been involved in helping Tameside and Glossop Primary Care Trust overhaul their long-standing Community, Education and Learning Project fund. The scheme is now called 'Health is for Life Community Grants' and will be a very useful source of funding for local groups who wish to provide a range of activities with a clear link to health.

#### Who can apply for a Health is for Life Community Grant?

The scheme is aimed at community groups and voluntary sector organisations within the PCT's boundaries. This includes groups working in the Glossopdale area. Funding is to support new projects that have a health focus. The grants will be available in three funding rounds and the first deadline for applications to be submitted is 30th May 2008, with subsequent deadlines on 10th October 2008 and 23rd January 2009.

#### Grants up to £2,000

This element of the Scheme aims to encourage small community groups who want to expand their work to develop health related projects. Groups who do not have experience of fundraising are encouraged to apply.

#### Grants of £2,001 to £5,000

Larger, more established, organisations are able to apply for grants of up to £5,000 and will be requested to supply more detailed information.

Further details of the scheme are available on the PCT's website at [www.tamesideandglossop.nhs.uk](http://www.tamesideandglossop.nhs.uk) or if you would like to speak to someone about the scheme please contact: Tracy Turley on 0161 304 5417 or email her at [tracy.turley@nhs.net](mailto:tracy.turley@nhs.net)

### Twins, Triplets & More Week

05 - 11 Jul 2008

Promoting greater understanding of the unique needs of multiple birth families.

### Xtraordinary Week

19 - 23 May 2008

Xtraordinary Week - a focus week for anybody with an interest in Dyslexia.

### International Left Handers Day

13 Aug 2008

Raising awareness of left-handedness and the challenges caused by living in such a right-handed world.

# Funding news... funding news...funding news

## The Lottery is Changing Places!

Three interesting new funding programmes have recently become available under the Lottery's Changing Places Programme.

### Local Food Scheme

Local Food, a new and exciting grants programme funded by the Big Lottery Fund, will be open for applications from 17 March 2008.

The £50 million programme aimed at making locally grown food accessible and affordable to local communities has been developed by a consortium of organisations, and is managed on their behalf by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts (RSWT).

Visit the Local Food website at [www.localfoodgrants.org](http://www.localfoodgrants.org) or call the Changing Spaces Advice Line on- 0845 3 671 671.

### Community Spaces programme (run by Groundwork UK)

This grant programme will fund community groups who want to improve local green spaces such as play areas, community gardens, parks, wildlife areas and village greens.

Small and medium grants of £10,000 - £49,999 will be available from this fund for approximately the next 3 years.

The sorts of project it will fund include: community gardens and parks; informal sports areas and multi-use games areas; nature reserves; squares and village greens; churchyards, ponds and projects

There are also a limited number of larger and 'Flagship' grants of £50,000 - £450,000 available through this programme. It will open in Summer 2008 and groups will have approximately 9 months to submit their Stage 1 applications.

For more information and application packs, see [www.community-spaces.org.uk](http://www.community-spaces.org.uk) or call the Community Spaces advice line number – 0845 3 671 671.

### Community Sustainable Energy Programme (run by Building Research Establishment – BRE)

The Community Sustainable Energy Programme will provide £8 million between now and 2010 to community-based organisations for the installation of microgeneration technologies, such as solar panels or wind turbines and energy efficiency measures including loft and cavity wall insulation.

Two types of grant are available:

#### Project Development Grants – up to £5,000

Grants of up to £5,000 or 75% of the costs (which ever is lower) are available for studies investigating the feasibility of installing any combination of the microgeneration technologies listed below.

#### Capital Grants – up to £50,000

Grants are available for the purchase and installation of any combination of the following technologies:

- Solar photovoltaics
- Solar thermal hot water
- Wind turbines
- Heat pumps
- Automated wood pellet stoves
- Wood fuelled boiler systems
- Micro-hydro turbines.



Funding will also be available for energy efficiency measures, such as cavity wall and loft insulation in combination with the microgeneration technology. Where these are not already in place, you will have to install them in order to qualify for a microgeneration capital grant.

Organisations can apply for up to £50,000 or 50% of the project cost (whichever is lower) for installing microgeneration technologies and energy efficiency measures.

For more information, guidance notes and application packs, see [www.communitysustainable.org.uk](http://www.communitysustainable.org.uk) or call the Changing Spaces advice line on 0845 3 671 671.

Note that if you are looking for match funding for either a project development grant or a capital grant then the Sustainable Development Fund (managed by the Peak District National Park Authority but not restricted to its geographical area) may be able to contribute. For larger capital projects, a community share issue (as described in the previous newsletter, with examples such as Torrs Hydro New Mills) could also help raise the match funding.

### National Shed Week

07 - 13 Jul 2008

"Do you have a garden shed that is unique?" asks Uncle Wilco head sheddie of [readersheds.co.uk](http://readersheds.co.uk). "Maybe it's your own little bolthole away from the trials of life. Maybe you have converted your humble garden building into a pub, or it's just a normal wooden building that's special to you."

# Funding news... funding news...funding news

## LankellyChase Children's Summer Playschemes Small Grants

Each year the Trustees of the LankellyChase Foundation set aside funds for summer playschemes for children between the ages of five and 13 years. Preference is given to small local playschemes lasting four to six weeks, and groups planning special activities for youngsters who are disadvantaged. This includes summer activities for children in refuges and young carers. They welcome applications from black voluntary sector and minority ethnic groups. Preference will be given to applications from organisations with an annual income of less than £300,000 per annum.

A limited number of grants are disbursed in small amounts, between £200 and £500, to organisations in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. In total, approximately 150 grants are made each year.

If you wish to be considered please read the following guidelines and then complete the application form and return it as soon as possible, but not later than Friday 2nd May 2008.

They will not support playschemes with a budget of over £12,000; day care; schemes promoting religious beliefs or customs; summer camps; club or family holidays; or replacing equipment.

Full guidelines and application form can be downloaded from their website. LankellyChase Foundation, 1 The Court, High Street, Harwell, Didcot, Oxon OX11 0EY  
Telephone and fax: 01235 820044  
Website: [www.lankellychase.org.uk](http://www.lankellychase.org.uk)

### Togs for Dogs Day

06 Jun 2008

Togs for Dogs Day - a unique chance for schools, clubs, groups, companies and organisations to learn more about people with a hearing loss who depend on their dogs, while donating £1 to wear non-uniform, dress-up or dress-down.

### Wrong Trousers Day

27 Jun 2008

Inspired by the Oscar-winning characters Wallace and Gromit, Wrong Trousers Day is all about paying £1 for the right to look wrong and wearing wrong trousers to help improve the quality of life for children in hospitals and hospices around the UK.

### Give a Child a Break Week

01 - 07 Sep 2008

Give a Child a Break Week aims to promote the real and lasting benefits of respite care and highlight the number of disadvantaged and vulnerable children in the UK who could be benefiting from such care.

## New funding available through Derbyshire Community Foundation Firm Foundations

Applications of £100 - £5,000 are welcomed for this new grants programme which opened for applications on 1 March.

Projects will need to meet one of the following aims:

- 1) Reduce economic inequality (Helping tackle disadvantage in Derby & Derbyshire)
- 2) Bring communities together

Priority will be given to applications which incorporate one of the following concepts:

- 1) Encouraging people to volunteer
- 2) Offering training especially if the training helps staff or volunteers in one of the following areas: Networking, income generation (fundraising or social enterprise) and organisation management (any course helping with running your group)
- 3) Encouraging Networking and partnership working - within the community and voluntary sector and between voluntary groups and the private and statutory sectors
- 4) Engaging the community in an activity which will help enhance the area these include.
  - a) Cultural activities
  - b) Projects which enhance tourism
  - c) Leisure activities

We strongly advise groups to contact the Grants Team to discuss project ideas before applying.

Any Derbyshire or Derby City based not-for-profit organisation that can produce a constitution, annual accounts and original bank statements. The group must have an active management committee.

Along side the Foundation's general exclusions please note we cannot fund the following:

- Applications for Mini buses
- Applications for Building costs or access adaptations

If you are interested in applying for a grant from the Firm Foundations Fund, please ring and ask for an application form or download it from our website: [www.communityfoundations.org.uk/](http://www.communityfoundations.org.uk/).

For more information please contact Sarah Hand or Lisa Farnsworth on 01773 514850.

## Disabled Derbyshire entrepreneurs start up new ventures with Business Link support

Disabled entrepreneurs in Derbyshire are setting up innovative new businesses thanks to the support of a special Business Link pilot programme.

Ian Crook of Whitwell is one of three partners in CAD Concepts UK, which aims to provide computer-assisted design services for the construction and engineering sectors. With his colleagues, Michael Davies and Robert Prior, Ian is already identifying work opportunities through local surveyors and preparing advertising material to promote his business.

The entrepreneurs are being supported by a Business Link pilot programme which is specifically aimed at disabled people in Derbyshire. The initiative helps entrepreneurs to obtain low cost computer equipment, support with travel costs for other Business Link training, free business cards and publicity. It also provides advice and assistance with market research and business planning.

Speaking about his business idea, Ian said: "We will be a new company with lots of fresh ideas and experience, especially in construction and engineering. We all met when we were training at Portland College and now each one of us has all the qualifications in computer-assisted design that we need to get the business up and running. Our portfolio will include architectural and building plans plus engineering designs such as new components for machinery and equipment. Our ambition for the next few years is to become well-established and well-recognised for the high quality of the services we offer."

This Business Link pilot for disabled people in Derbyshire and Derby is funded by East Midlands Development Agency (emda) and is delivered by Disability Dynamics Ltd. It is also supported by other local organisations such as Jobcentre Plus, Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership, Disability Direct and the Derbyshire Coalition for Independent Living.

John O'Reilly, Business Support Director at emda commented: "This programme provides disabled people with the opportunity to receive the specialist support that they require to start their own businesses. Business

Link recognises that people with disabilities may require additional help in order to get their ideas off the ground and this programme is designed to meet their needs. Many of the entrepreneurs on this programme have excellent ideas that I am sure will prove to be successful."

Penny Melville-Brown, Managing Director of Disability Dynamics added: "I am delighted that so many disabled people have already made contact with us. They are working with very experienced Business Advisers and are making excellent progress. We are also working alongside other organisations such as The Prince's Trust and Leonard Cheshire Disability so that all our support is coordinated to give the best outcomes for our clients."

For information about this programme and for any business advice, please contact Business Link East Midlands on 0845 058 6644 or visit [www.businesslink.gov.uk/eastmidlands](http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/eastmidlands)

### FREE DIRECTORY ENQUIRIES

A new free directory enquiry service which requires callers to listen to around 20 seconds of advertising before getting their number has been launched. The service is on 0800 100 100.

An alternative free service, using a voice prompt system rather than a live operator is available on 0800 118 3733.

According to BT staff some services are charging as much as £1.50 a number.

### FRILLS leaflet service

The FRILLS leaflet service is now online, helping you to keep an up-to-date library of leaflets. The new website lists 700 practical leaflets, covering a huge range of everyday issues including health, money, education, housing, law and travel. All the leaflets are free in large quantities and written for the general public.

<http://frills.camden.gov.uk/frills/home.aspx>

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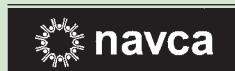


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