

Funday Sunday

**Sunday 27th March
Upton Court Park
11am - 4pm**



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Join the 1 mile Fun Run



Register on-line at
www.sloughfundaysunday.org.



It's £3 if you register before the day or £5 on the day. If your members cannot access the website your group can use the Funday registration form to collect on their behalf. Please e-mail lallen@sloughcvs.org.uk for a copy. Forms and money must be returned to Kim Truelove (01753 875784) at Slough Borough Council by 23rd March.



Raise money for your group by getting sponsored for the run – perhaps wearing fancy dress!

**So, come along, raise money and support
Slough's voluntary sector!**

Run a stall



A great chance to do some fundraising – perhaps sell items or run a workshop or games like tombola, hoopla or beat the goalie.



Publicise you group's activities – let people know about your group's activities and let them know how they can take part. Attract new members and supporters.



Stalls are priced at £30 for a 10ft x 10ft pitch or £40 for a 15ft x 15ft pitch. This is at a substantial discount from the commercial rate.



If you are selling food, remember that you will need a valid Food and Hygiene certificate.

Further information is available at www.sloughfundaysunday.org.

Two charity workers receive award from the Queen

Slough CVS are delighted that Eleanor Cryer, Chairman of Slough CVS and Chief Executive of Slough Mencap, has been appointed MBE for services to people with learning disabilities in the Queen's New Year honours list. Eleanor has been working for Slough's community for the over 50 years and is involved with a number of voluntary groups. She is Vice-Chair of Citizens Advice Slough, a member of Langley Neighbourhood Forum, works with Special Voices and is a Community Champion for better communication between carers and Social Services.



Congratulations too to Gerry Lejeune, CEO, Berkshire East and South Bucks Women's Aid who was also awarded an OBE for her services to victims of domestic abuse.

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World TB Day, 24th March

Throughout the UK, on March 24th, hundreds of individuals and organisations will be holding TB awareness raising events. Over 100 years later, the UK is experiencing a year-on-year rise in cases.

This is why TB Alert is looking for community groups that would like to hold TB awareness raising events on or around World TB Day. The excellent The Truth About TB website, www.thetruthabouttb.org, is where you can download free resources including a fun TB symptoms animation.

Please contact Paul on 01273 234029 or visit the website.

Vetting and barring scheme

In its programme for government, the coalition committed to reviewing the vetting and barring scheme (VBS) to scale it back to common sense levels. The government has now announced provisions to revise its vetting and barring arrangements, to ensure fair and proportionate regulation of those who want to work with vulnerable groups.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Nick Clegg, has unveiled a new scaled back employment vetting scheme and a fundamental reform of criminal records checks as summarised below.

1. to maintain a barring function
2. to abolish registration and monitoring requirements
3. to redefine the requirements of 'regulated activities'
4. to abolish 'controlled activities'

Further information is available at www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crime/vetting-barring-scheme

2011 Census

- 27 March 2011 is census day
- You need to take part so that the services and facilities your community and family uses can be identified and funded – services such as schools, hospitals, emergency services, transport, leisure facilities; also housing, education/training, employment services
- Help is available on-line from www.census.gov.uk and include large print questionnaires, information booklets, translation booklets in over 50 languages, audio and British Sign Language video guides, Browse-Along
- You can telephone the census helpline 0300 0201101 for help in English or 50+ other languages, or to ask for a home visit
- Remember it's compulsory: returning your questionnaire is required by law. The few people who don't return a questionnaire may be prosecuted - they could face a criminal record and may be fined up to £1,000.

Early Intervention Response Team

Slough Borough Council has created a new Early Intervention Response Team who are supporting families that have multiple and complex needs but do not meet the threshold for Social Services intervention. The team is a multi agency approach and includes Housing, Psychology, Services Supporting Behaviour, Youth Services, Connexions, Children's Services, Education and the Voluntary sector. The aim of the service is to offer support and signpost to a range of services earlier in the process. The team is managed by Andalina Kadri and can be contacted on 01753 476501 or email Andalina.kadri@slough.gov.uk.

It's time to get ready for commissioning

Start now by completing a recognised Quality Assurance Scheme.

Examples of some schemes:

Slough Quality Protects - www.sloughcvs.org.uk
PQASSO - www.ces-vol.org.uk
ISO 9001 - www.iso.org/iso/home

Further information is available from www.ces-vol.org.uk or contact Jesal or Carmel at Slough CVS on 01753 524176.

In Kind Direct

Have you ever thought how much it would help if you could find a cheaper source of the goods you use in the course of your work? Whether it's the office equipment and supplies to run your own office or the myriad things you provide for the people you serve, In Kind Direct can be an invaluable resource.

All you pay for each pack of goods is the handling fee, which contributes to the costs of collecting, warehousing and delivering the goods to your door. On average this works out at around 10 - 15% of the actual value.

To join In Kind Direct you must be:

- A registered Charity or
- A constituted non profit organisation
- Based in the UK

In Kind Direct, 62-64 Cornhill, London EC3V 3PL Tel: 020 7398 5510 Fax: 020 7398 5544
Email: info@inkinddirect.org

To sign up go to

www.inkinddirect.org/charities/joinnow.asp

Sher Hands

Sher Hands has received £147,000 of Lottery funding for running costs and for a minibus. Waheeda Begum who runs the group said, "This was a true privilege. It just goes to show that hard work isn't unseen. The work we do benefits our community and ourselves in a way that is grand!" The group worked with Ray Emmans, Funding Advisor on the Berks East Funding Project at Slough CVS to secure the funding.

The local voluntary group supports isolated, victimised and abused female members of the community. They provide a creche facility as well as Urdu classes for children at their offices in Ledgers Road in Chalvey.

Creche with qualified CRB checked staff
7am -4pm
0-5 year olds
£3 per hour

Urdu Classes for kids
Sundays, 2-4pm

For further information please contact Waheeda Begum on 01753 568 5523.

Children in Need supports Slough Crossroads

Slough Crossroads has secured substantial funding this winter from a grant from BBC Children in Need. The group received £29,729. This project will engage young carers in a range of activities including arts and crafts, music, sport, IT and healthy eating to increase self confidence and reduce isolation.

BEFP TENDER-AID ALERT SERVICE

This is the friendly place to look for tenders advertised across East Berkshire

For more information contact:

Dave Furze, Tel: 01753 219113, Mobile: 07803 897135, E-mail: dave@slough.gov.uk

News from the Groups



Berkshire, a real 'hot-spot'

Do you have a partner, relative or friend that is HIV positive? No? Are you sure? The chances that you do are higher than you might think. Yes, even here, in the Home Counties.

What many people are unaware of is that Slough and Reading have both been flagged up by the Department of Health as HIV 'hot spots', with HIV prevalence higher than in many major UK cities.

With this in mind, you can begin to see why Thames Valley Positive Support (TVPS) is an essential part of Slough's community.

TVPS provides a confidential safe haven for anyone affected by HIV. With our service numbers at over 500 currently, we are welcoming, on average, one new referral a week. Our service user numbers are ever growing, with no signs of slowing.

Educating the community and raising awareness to stop the stigma that still surrounds this virus, are values at the very heart of TVPS, as well as continued promotion surrounding condom use and sexual health.

Our dedication has won TVPS three awards last year, Health Team of the Year, Best LGBT Charity and Outstanding LGBT Achievement, of which we are extremely proud.

SCT and ShopMobility



Slough Community Transport and ShopMobility run a variety of services including:

Ride a Ride Service: (door to door accessible transport)

Transport for People: receiving Direct Payments or Personal Budget

Manual Wheelchairs Hire: Wheelchairs can be hired for up to a maximum of 3 weeks.

Day Trips to the seaside and places of interest.

ShopMobility Service: (Short term hire or loan of Electric scooter/wheelchairs and manual wheelchairs.



Transport for Groups: Voluntary Organisations/local groups can hire a vehicle and driver.

Driver Training: Slough Community Transport (SCT) recognises that passing passenger safety is of paramount importance and has adopted MiDAS as its preferred driver's training. Training courses are available.

For information please ring 01753 536273.

Thursday club Leader required



Do you have three hours a week to spare?

Slough Mencap has a vacancy for a Club Leader to work with people with Learning Disabilities.

This paid position is to work at The Phoenix Centre, in Langley from 7 – 9pm.

If you are interested please contact Eleanor Cryer, Chief Officer, Slough Mencap on 01753 543160.

Secretarial support

"The Slough branch of Carers UK is in dire need of secretarial support for the chair and committee all of whom are caring for a family member or partner fulltime. Carers UK acts as the voice of millions of unpaid Carers, campaigning for more support, increases in respite breaks, an adequate 'Carers allowance' and much more.

The Slough branch currently has the responsibility for making sure that the Carers Forum provides a platform for Carers to make their concerns and problems known, share information with other carers and gain insights into how government departments, local councils and council officers plan and work enabling Carers to challenge decisions and empower themselves. The branch produces the carers newsletter giving news and up to date information. This is distributed via the Carers Support service to over 1200 local carers.

If you feel you would like to offer help or would like more detailed information of what is involved please contact Marcia Wright, Chairperson. 01753 536906 or e-mail wright@marciawright.orangehome.co.uk."



SPELT UK's (Society Of Pakistan English Language Teachers in United Kingdom) provides an educational forum for its members, clients and partners teaching English as a foreign/second language. They are a group of ELT teachers in the UK who volunteer a couple of hours every week within the community to educate people within their homes and in the community, generally these are people who cannot come out to study due to personal, financial, political or religious reasons.

SPELT UK is currently running a basic Literacy' classes at Slough Refugee Support in partnership with Somali Sisters last year as well as an adult homework club at the library along with their children.

For further information please call 07960 343621 or email speltuk@live.co.uk



SAWIN – Slough Asian women information network is an outreach project that supports and offers advice for victims of domestic violence and is based in Slough. This operates two days a week on Wednesday and Thursday by appointment only by calling 0800 9232852.

Kinara refuge runs The FREEDOM programme which is for any woman who wishes to learn more about the reality of domestic violence and its impact. This runs for 12 weeks and is held every Wednesday from 5 – 7 pm by a trained facilitator. This is held at Langley Free Baptist Church hall, 100 Trelawney Avenue, SL3 8RW. This is confidential and no appointment needed, just drop in or for more information please call 0800 9232852.

Manor Park

Slough CVS has been working with the Manor Park Community Forum for a year now. The Local Authority initiative focused on three areas in Slough: Manor Park, Chalvey and Colnbrook.

Manor Park Community Forum comprises of residents and representatives from local voluntary groups in the area. They hold monthly meetings and their participation has resulted in the park area being re-surfaced and new play equipment in two separate play areas.

Carmel O'Brien, SCVS has worked with the group. The group has written a bid for funding regarding cricket nets in Manor Park and is looking to further improve the area. They are actively seeking new members and are keen to encourage younger people to join.

For further information about joining the group please contact Carmel at carmel@sloughcvs.org.uk or 01753 524176.

Alcohol Advice from Pharmacists

Pharmacists in Slough are ready to help people wanting to cut down their drinking. Six community pharmacies in Slough have completed a special training course and are now able to spot the early signs of harmful drinking levels and offer informed advice on alcohol intake as part of medication reviews.

The following pharmacies have completed the new Alcohol Innovation Programme training:

Langley

- HA McParland Ltd, 6 The Harrow Market

Slough

- Boots, 178-184 High Street
- Kamal Enterprises Ltd, 16 Chalvey Road West
- Kamal Enterprises Ltd, 14 Woodland Avenue
- Khatkar Chemist, 9 Villiers Road
- Superdrug Pharmacy, 292 Farnham Road

Slough Business Community Partnership

Bob Jones is the main contact for Slough Business Community Partnership. His contact details are:

Tel: 01753 696958

Mobile: 0771 9424349

www.sbcpc.co.uk

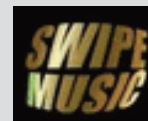
Slough Foodbank

Slough Foodbank has started and is growing already.

If you would like to know more then please contact Slough Foodbank. Slough Foodbank is a community project and we are keen to involve as many as we can from our community in Slough. We have helped and fed over 60 people in the last 6 weeks and we believe there is an exciting year ahead for Slough Foodbank.

Sloughfoodbank@gmail.com
01753 523058

New SWIPE website



Slough West Indian People's Enterprise (SWIPE) volunteers attended the two day workshop **Creating and Hosting a Website for Free** run by Slough CVS.

Have a look at their new website at www.swipemusic.com. Volunteers from the group have been busy updating the site and adding lots of photos and music to it.

Newsline Contributions

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue of Newsline. The next issue will be published in June 2011. We would be really interested to hear your news items. Please send contributions to Lorna Allen by 6th May to lallen@sloughcvs.org.uk or send to Slough Council for Voluntary Service, 27 Church Street, Slough, Berks, SL1 1PL.

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Council reveals next stage of Chalvey regeneration

Slough Borough Council has revealed what's next for the Chalvey regeneration project. The next stage will be to completely refurbish, by this summer, the remainder of the building, creating a new self-service local library and modern, well equipped, learning and community rooms.

The new community centre will also include a refitted kitchen and a bright welcoming reception area. The main hall will be retained, but moveable partitions will mean it can be used flexibly for smaller classes or community meetings as well as for large events.

In addition, the outside of the building will be remodelled to improve access and make the centre more attractive for local people to use.

These changes bring forward delivery of the top priority improvements asked for by local people. Public consultation is continuing for another month and will inform the final stage of the refurbishment which will be followed by highways and neighbourhood improvements, and further community facilities over the coming year and into 2012.

Chalvey residents are now being given the chance to have their say on what the new facility should be called. The person with the winning idea will then get the chance to take part in the opening ceremony later this year.

Chalvey residents should log on to www.slough.gov.uk/consultations or call 01753 787376 to have their say on what the new facility should be called.

Councillor James Swindlehurst, commissioner for neighbourhoods and renewal, said: "Chalvey residents have asked for improved local facilities, and this is another step forward in our plans to provide these."



2011 Recipients

GOLD

Slough Business Community Partnership

BRONZE

Golden Eagles Football Club Association

Slough Quality Protects is a programme for local community and voluntary organisations to work through to help them to demonstrate the quality of their services. Working through the programme will also help to develop good practice and promote a high standard of work.

For more information about **Slough Quality Protects**, please contact Jesal Dhokia at jesal@sloughcvs.org.uk or telephone 01753 524176.



Thames Valley Probation Partnership Conference March 25, 2011

Baylis House
Stoke Poges Lane
Slough
Berkshire
SL1 3PB
9.30am -4.00pm
RSVP: jacqueline.coston@thames-valley.probation.gsi.gov.uk



Staying Safe in Slough

For people working in the public sector, voluntary groups, volunteers, residents and businesses.

March 16, 2011

The Centre
Farnham Road
Slough
10.30am - 12.30pm
RSVP: noreen.mian@slough.gov.uk

Noticeboard



SCFS @ WEST WING SLOUGH FEBRUARY - JUNE 2011 FILM SEASON

All screenings are held at 7:45 pm on Thursdays
at the West Wing Arts Centre, Stoke Road, Slough SL2 5AY

3rd March
Bad Lieutenant Port of Call: New Orleans (18)
Dir. Werner Herzog. USA 2009. (122m)

17th March
Tricks (12A)
Dir. Andrzej Jakimowski. Poland 2007. (96m)

31st March
Departures (12A)
Dir. Takita Yojiro. Japan 2008. (130m)

14th April
Revanche (15)
Dir. Götz Spielmann. Austria 2008. (121m)

28th April
The Maid (15)
Dir. Sebastián Silva. Chile/Mexico 2009. (96m)

12th May
Loose Cannons (12A)
Dir. Ferzan Özpetek. Italy 2010. (110m)

26th May
Mother (15)
Dir. Bong Joon-ho. South Korea 2009. (129m)

9th June
Made in Dagenham (15)
Dir. Nigel Cole. UK/Ireland 2010. (113m)

Members £4 (Membership fee £5). Non-members £5 (Tickets at the door).
For further details of membership or more information contact Dudley Smithers:
(dudley.smithers@ntlworld.com).



Book all Slough CVS training courses and all events on-line!

Click on
www.sloughcvs.org.uk/training
to book now!

Slough Older People's Forum Meeting Dates

4th May
6th July
7th September
2nd November

Contact Marcia Wright for more information.
Tel: 01753 536906
E-mail: wright@marciawright-or-angehome.co.uk



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Langley Carnival

Saturday 9th July
Langley Recreation Ground
12-4.30pm

For further information contact Liz Barnett on 01753 539024.

Slough Community Training Partnership

If you are not on our mailing list and would like a copy of the Slough Community Training Partnership bulletin please contact training at Slough CVS on 01753 524176 or e-mail mandy@sloughcvs.org.uk. Information about other courses are available at www.sloughcvs.org.uk

Social Enterprise: Introduction	7th April	10.00am - 1.00pm	Slough CVS
HR for Non HR Specialists	10th May	10.00am - 4.15pm	Slough CVS
Safeguarding Children	19th May	9.45am - 4.30pm	Slough CVS
Social Enterprise: Research and Marketing	25th May	10.00am - 3.00pm	Slough CVS