

Funday Sunday cheques presented to groups



Britwell Youth & Community Project



Destiny Support



Berkshire East and South Bucks Women's Aid



Humjoli Group



Slough Homeless Our Concern



Slough Mencap

Funday Sunday cheques were presented to groups at Slough CVS's Annual General Meeting in July by Steve Wicks, former Active Slough Manager, Slough Borough Council.

Further information about the day can be found at sloughfundaysunday.org/Home



Getting Started with SQP Training Dates

Monday, September 19, 2011
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Slough, United Kingdom | 27 Church Street

Wednesday, October 05, 2011
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Slough, United Kingdom | 27 Church Street

****Free to Slough CVS Members only ****

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

East Berkshire Funding Fair 2011

A one day conference for voluntary and community groups to access up to date funding sources and information.

Wednesday 28th September

9.30am - 3.00pm

Windsor Racecourse
Maidenhead Road
Windsor, SL4 5JJ

This year the programme has something for all groups, whether you are looking for that initial source of funding to get started or a more established group considering becoming a social enterprise. Booking forms available to download from www.sloughcvs.org.uk

Promotion and Fundraising tool for groups in Slough

Berkshire Community Foundation (BCF) works in partnership with a national project called Localgiving.com to encourage local charities and voluntary groups to raise the awareness and support they need to survive and grow.

What is Localgiving.com?

Localgiving.com is a national website, where local community groups raise money, awareness, support and find volunteers through web pages that they can write and update themselves.

How it works?

Groups can describe their work, projects, and activities, upload pictures, post volunteer needs, set up fundraising projects and be searchable on both national and local levels. Most importantly, all Berkshire voluntary and community groups can sign up, even if they are not registered charities. This unique partnership between Localgiving.com and BCF allows all groups to receive Gift Aid (25%) on top of their donations through an automated process with no paper work. All donations are unrestricted.

Who can register?

All constituted voluntary and community groups can register with Localgiving.com, as well as registered charities. Those who are part of a larger national body need to have their own constitution, local management committee and bank account. Groups have to be based or offer their service in Berkshire.

Additional Support

Berkshire Community Foundation is running regular Marketing Training helping local groups get the best out of the site. Localgiving.com is sending Fundraising Packs to groups.

How to register

Please contact Berkshire Community Foundation's Online Development Worker Kristina Luskacova directly to get through the approval process on 0118 929 8488 or kristina.luskacova@berkshirecf.org

Slough Community Network

incorporating the Community Care Forum and Children and Young People's Forum

Wednesday 9th November 2011
The Centre, Farnham Road, Slough
Time: TBC

Telephone 01753 524176 for further information.

New Innovation in Giving Fund

Nick Hurd, Minister for Civil Society has opened a new £10million Innovation in Giving Fund today. The Fund focuses on supporting innovative new ideas and new technologies to increase levels of social action in the areas of giving and volunteering.

Nick Hurd Minister for Civil Society, said: 'The Innovation in Giving Fund is a new approach. We want to root out the visionary ideas that too often never get the backing they need. We're very open-minded about this, but ideas must have real potential to increase the giving of time or money.'

More information is available at www.nesta.org.uk/home1/assets/features/innovation_in_giving_fund

Community Safety Meetings

Thames Valley Police are holding 'have your say' sessions for various parts of Slough. Visit the Thames Valley website to find out how you can get involved for your area. www.thames-valley.police.uk/yournh/yournh-tvp-pol-area/yournh-tvp-pol-area-berkse/yournh-tvp-pol-area-berkse-slough.htm

These meetings are your chance to influence what is happening in your neighbourhood. All residents are welcome to attend. Please come along and have your say about issues that affect people in your local community.

Rayne Foundation

In a society becoming more complex and diverse every day they see the growth of incomprehension, insularity, intolerance and exclusion. The Rayne Foundation helps and encourages inspiring individuals and organisations who can help build bridges within our complex world. The Foundation aims to enlarge sympathies through increasing tolerance and understanding, to reduce exclusion and conflict, to bring people together for the good of society, and ultimately to help create a more comprehending and cohesive world.

They work within four sectors:

Arts - Choreographers and Achieving learning outcomes through the work of artists and arts organisations.

Education - Improving the design of schools and Developing numeracy skills.

Health and Medicine - Improved quality of life for older people.

Social Welfare and Development - Improved quality of life for older people and Improved opportunities for refugees to cross into and contribute to mainstream society.

Read their Guidelines and their Complete the interactive E Guide before applying. The average grant in 2010 was £14,552.

Rayne Foundation, 100 George Street, London, W1U 8NU

Tel: 020 7487 9630

www.raynefoundation.org.uk

Slough CVS weekly e-newsletter

A weekly e-newsletter covering funding, training and news items is available from Slough CVS.

To subscribe e-mail lallen@sloughcvs.org.uk with your name and the group or statutory organisation you belong to.

A B Charitable Trust

The A B Charitable Trust (ABCT) is an independent, UK based grant-making organisation founded in 1990 that is concerned with promoting and defending human dignity.

ABCT supports charities that defend human rights, such as freedom from torture and arbitrary imprisonment, and promote respect for individuals whatever their circumstances.

The Trust is particularly interested in charities that work with vulnerable, marginalised and excluded people in society, with a focus on:

refugees and victims of torture, prisoners, older people, people with mental health problems

If you do not work in these particular fields, but meet our wider criteria, you may be able to apply for a small grant of up to £5,000.

The next deadlines for the Trustee meeting are:
January 2012 Meeting - 9 December 2011,
April 2012 Meeting - 9 March 2012
and July 2012 - 25 May 2012.

Tel: 020 7313 8070

Email: mail@abcharitabletrust.org.uk

www.abcharitabletrust.org.uk

Wilkinsons - Helping Hands

Helping Hands is a new community initiative where each local store has been given a budget to distribute to projects and schemes within the stores local community. To apply for a donation from the Helping Hands Fund you need to visit your local store and pick up an application form. These forms can be found on your stores red community boards or if you cannot find them, ask for assistance at the customer service desk.

Please direct any requests for donations to your local store; these cannot be fulfilled at Head Office..

corporate.wilkinsonplus.com/story.asp?id=19

News from the Groups

The new look Langley Park



Residents from all around Langley Park are making full use of its restored facilities. Of the many events held in the Park this year, the best attended by far, was the Langley Park Dog Show held on Saturday 23rd July. Organised by Mrs Margaret Ashmore who is a member of the Friends of Langley Park, the show had an exceptional response with a total of 128 dogs being shown by their, rightfully, proud owners. Judging of the fifteen classes, both pedigree and novelty, took place between 11.00am and 4.00pm when the best in show was awarded to “Talisha” an Afghan Hound, and we look forward to her defending her title next year.

The weather was kind; dry but not too hot; and the whole day was enjoyed and appreciated by all the competitors and spectators.

If you would like to help us keep this park in its fine condition, and be involved in all these activities, then we welcome volunteers of all ages and abilities. You may contact us on www.friendsoflangleypark.co.uk where you will find details about who we are, and what we do.

Comic Relief gives Berkshire charity huge cash injection for Positive Regeneration



Thames Valley Positive Support (TVPS), a sexual health charity in Berkshire that predominantly supports people affected by HIV, has been awarded funding from Comic Relief for its Positive Regeneration project. The £122,513 grant is to be used over three years and will enable TVPS to employ a specialised older persons worker. Positive Regeneration will see service users over the age of 55 being trained to go into the community to raise awareness around HIV and sexual health. The project will also see these service users trained as peer supporters and then paired up with a younger, newly diagnosed, service user. The support from a person who has lived with HIV for a long time to a younger person will be of enormous benefit, with the peer supporters having faced many of the issues and anxieties a newly diagnosed person may encounter, whilst displaying that this is a manageable illness and the quality of life a person had pre-diagnosis is still achievable. This really is an invaluable support resource.

Sarah Macadam, Director of TVPS said “We are over the moon to be receiving such support from Comic Relief. The idea of this project was brought to us from our service users, who wanted to use their skills and experience to make a real change within their communities and also to be able to support younger, newly diagnosed service users, who may be facing some of the issues the older support worker has already dealt with in their life. As a client led organisation, we are so pleased we have been able to push forward with this idea and gain funding to get it established.” She went on to say “So many people give money to Comic Relief, it’s great that they will be able to see this money making a real difference to their community.”

For more information about TVPS, please visit www.tvps.org.uk

Apna Virsa Bhangra Class opens Main Stage at Slough Mela

On a beautiful sunny afternoon the Apna Virsa community organisation's advanced bhangra dance class opened the famous Main Stage at Slough Mela. The girls were all smiles and bhangra moves as the music kicked off. Project Coordinators Seema Kamboj and Bobbi Johal told Asian Star radio presenters that the medley and performance had been especially choreographed for Slough Mela, keeping in mind the aims of the Apna Virsa organisation to promote heritage and culture. They said they really wanted to bring back some of the atmosphere from the Melas back in India and judging by brilliant feedback from the crowd they achieved that. Local dhol player Gurdith Bhangu provided a brilliant entrance for the medley.



Apna Virsa advanced bhangra class pictured from left to right :- Neha, Kusham, Veena, Jaspreet, Nikita, Bobbi, Kiran and Seema with Dhol player Gurdith

Later on in the afternoon, the class performed a second traditional bhangra dance item on stage 2 and viewers were heard to comment on the huge amounts of energy the girls were displaying and the superb synchronisation.

Subject to funding, the organisation runs a variety of classes & workshops to ensure that the vibrant culture of South Asia is not lost though the generations. Traditional bhangra classes for people from the age of 18 are likely to start up again in September and anyone interested in these or other workshops should contact the organisation on apnavirsaproject@gmail.com.

Aik Saath selected for The Diana Awards

Aik Saath has over 100 young volunteers that work in schools and young people's centres. Since January of this year the team has worked with 1,219 young people in 16 different schools.

They have been selected for a Certificate of Excellence from The Diana Awards. The awards administrator, Austin Nwadike said: "The assessors were really impressed and thought that Aik Saath was an excellent role model. They really did have that "Wow" factor we were looking for at the The Diana Awards."

More information about Aik Saath can be found at www.aiksaath.com



Local News

Chalvey Community Centre

A modern and welcoming centre housing a satellite library, and café, hire space for group and club activities, you can hire the main hall or rooms for training and workshops, parties, or other events.

The centre offers training events and courses to improve skills and knowledge, we also offer many start up activities and new clubs for the community. The centre provides facilities for a variety of services tailored to the needs of the local community.

For booking fees and details of being part of the community activity programme, please Contact Community Services on 01753 875418. A flyer with details of regular events is available to download from www.sloughcvs.org.uk/downloads/Newsletter%20Downloads.htm

Opening times are as follows:
Monday-Friday 10:45am-2:45pm
Saturday- 10am-1pm

Slough Older Peoples' Forum

12th Annual Information Day

Wednesday 2nd November 2011
10am – 3.30pm
Age Concern Resource Centre
The Village, 102-110 High Street, Slough,
SL1 1HL

'ENJOYING MATURE LIFE'
(Yesterday's Children)
ADMISSION FREE

Find out how the decisions are made on finance & health services. Browse around the stalls. Join in the discussions. Enjoy a snack at the tea bar or a meal in the cafe.

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Click on to twitter.com/sloughcvs
for the latest tweet!

Manor Park's Big Saturday

Manor Park's Big Saturday took place on Saturday, 30 July from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. in Manor Field off Villiers Road.

The weather was beautiful and the crowds came in good numbers of between 200 and 300 people.



Cllr. Chrissie Small on the Blendavenda bicycle

This second Big Saturday held courtesy of funding provided by a grant from BAA. Tesco Stores plc provided much needed sustenance in the form of biscuits, doughnuts, crisps, juice and water. Exotic Foods very generously subsidised the £1 plates of food they were serving. No wonder they had a queue!

The event was opened by the Deputy Mayor of Slough, Councillor Chrissie Small who gave a brief opening address. Councillor Small visited all the stalls and chatted with each stallholder. Indeed the Deputy Mayor proved what a good sport she is when she had a go on the Blendavenda thus pedalling her way to her very own smoothie!

Music was provided courtesy of SWIPE with the drumming workshops as popular as ever!

Whilst the day was proceeding the opportunity was taken to ask the residents of Manor Park what they liked and didn't like about Manor Park and what and how they wanted to change.

None of the above could have happened without all the efforts of the Manor Park Community Forum. Special thanks must go to Sidney Richards, James Farmer and Colin Farmer as well as the Active Slough team and other workers from Slough Borough Council

In short a great day was had by everyone!

1st Social Enterprise Mark in Slough!

Destiny Support has been awarded the Social Enterprise in recognition of the work the social work they are delivering for the Slough Community. The Social Enterprise Mark establishes social enterprise as the business of choice for everyone and guarantees that a business is trading for people and planet!



From left Pammi Sohanpaul, Chair and Board of Director, Destiny Support, Lucy Findlay, MD Social Enterprise Mark Company CIC, Faith, Faiza & Sue from Destiny Support.

The Certified Mark of Integrity, Inspiration & Interaction, was presented by Lucy Findlay, Managing Director, Social Enterprise Mark Company CIC. The board of Directors, volunteers and staff celebrated with invited guests from partner agencies which included Slough Borough Council and the Volunteer Centre among others.

Here's a role to fit part-time fundraisers to a T!

If you fancy doing your bit for a leading charity without wanting to commit to full time membership, then Berkshire St John Ambulance has a role which might just fit you to a T! We're looking for volunteers to help with street collections and various other fundraising events – but you don't need to become a member or wear a uniform and you can do as much or as little as you like.

Berkshire St John Ambulance provides first aid cover at hundreds of public events across the county each year and the medical skills of its highly trained members are often the difference between life and death.

Fundraisers need to be over 16 but don't need any special expertise – just enthusiasm for the charity's work and mission.

To find out more about becoming a fundraiser or supporting St John Ambulance in other ways please email kim.adrian@berks.sja.org.uk

Slough Mencap

We recently celebrated the 75th Birthday of our Chief Executive Eleanor Cryer MBE with a party in her honour, it also marked our final night at The Phoenix Centre and was an evening filled with friends, love and laughter. As many of you will be aware we are currently operating from our larger venue at the West Wing Arts Centre. Along with fun packed club nights our members have recently enjoyed a trip to Southsea, it was a wonderful day to remember. To keep up to date with all our news please visit our website at sloughmencap.co.uk.

Slough Community Transport

Slough Community Transport will be taking delivery of a new Citroen Dispatch vehicle in August. It will be accessible and can accommodate one wheelchair user and 5 seated passengers or seven seated passengers. The new vehicle will bring the fleet of accessible vehicles to 12.

Newsline Contributions

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue of Newsline. The next issue will be published in December 2011. We would be really interested to hear your news items. Please send contributions to Lorna Allen by 4th November to lallen@sloughcvs.org.uk or send to Slough Council for Voluntary Service, 27 Church Street, Slough, Berks, SL1 1PL.

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Noticeboard

Free Women's Empowerment Event

Women' Empowerment Day is an initiative launched by Slough Borough Council Enterprise and Employment team with an aim of attracting economically inactive women to access mainstream education, training and employment opportunities.

The event is a great opportunity for women to interact with like minded women and identify their opportunities of self development, identify future learning, training and employment opportunities. There are four interactive and very informative workshops which need to be pre-booked..

Tuesday 29th September 2011
9:30 am - 1:00 pm
The Centre, Farnham Road, Slough

To book a place or for further information, please contact Sanzla Bhagi on Sanzla.bhagi@slough.gov.uk or ring 01753 476614.

Two Left Feet

No partner needed, No need to book, Just turn up. Entry only £3.00. Classes in Slough start at 7.00pm Arbour Vale School, Farnham Royal, Farnham Road, Slough, SL2 3AE

Salsa - 03 October 2011
4Motion - 17 October 2011
Bollywood - 31 October 2011

www.twoleftfeet.org

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

indulge yourself at grosvenor casino...

Daisy's Dream Casino Night!
Friday 30th September 2011
7.30pm

Grosvenor Casino would like to invite everybody to a V.I.P night out to support the local charity Daisy's Dream.

£25 ticket includes:
A delicious hot buffet for you to enjoy
Free drink on arrival
£10 worth of gaming vouchers

PLUS.....

Learn to play on our training tables including Blackjack and Roulette!

Booking essential, contact Simon at Grosvenor on 0118 983 9441 or email: sm_gc-reading@rank.com

Dress code is smart casual (no sportswear, shorts, flip-flops, ripped jeans etc. Smart trainers, t-shirts and jeans are suitable). Suits and finery always welcome! Remember: ID is required on the night from all new customers. Membership is free with Driving License, Passport or Credit/Debit Card (with proof of a permanent UK address. This offer is available to over 18's only.

Grosvenor Casino Reading, Queens Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 4SY Telephone - 0118 983 9441 / 0776633 1866. www.grosvenorcasinos.com

Daisy's Dream has a new website which is easy to navigate, fresh and dynamic with regular twitter updates and access to their facebook page which keeps followers up to date with news and events as they happen!
 Find them at www.daisydream.org.uk

Eventbrite
 Events Made Easy

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

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

Slough Community Training Partnership			
Introduction to Health and Safety	September 20, 2011	AM and PM sessions	Slough CVS
Effective Monitoring and Evaluation	September 21, 2011	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Slough CVS
Getting Started with SQP	October 05, 2011	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Slough CVS