

# YOUR SAY YOUR WAY

# Leagrave

## PB Project Updates

In late 2010, more than 30 local people voted for the following projects to be funded to benefit local people. If you would like to volunteer or get involved with any of the projects, or simply to find out more, please speak to staff at the Hockwell Ring Community Centre or call 01582 49 44 17. Here is an update on their progress:

### Leagrave Youth Work Action Group – Youth festival - £1300

Leagrave Youth Work Action Group was granted funding towards the running costs of the yearly St. Luke's Youth Festival. The festival will take place on Saturday 2 July 2011 in the grounds of St. Luke's Church. It is a free, multi-cultural family fun day where there are a wide range of stalls which promote multi-culturalism within society. Information stalls and workshops from partner agencies are also available to attend and/ or take part in to refresh or learn new skills. There is a wide range of activities, entertainment and refreshments available on the day. The Scouts group are working with their leaders and young people to organise an activities village. There are a number of youth organisations and youth performers, including: Downside Junior School, Styles of Wryting, Dario Bamford, Leagrave Methodist Gospel Choir, Thousand Year of Chaos and many more.

The aim of the day is to bring older and younger people together, giving them the opportunity to de-stigmatise people because of their age, ethnicity or religion, thus creating a greater social cohesion. The festival gives young people the opportunity to share their talents which includes individual acts, groups, clubs, schools and choirs.

### Hockwell Ring Youth Club - £420

The Hockwell Ring Youth Club was granted funding to hold 'Foods of the World' cookery classes and food hygiene courses. The project was the idea of young people who attend the youth club. The young people attending expressed a particular interest in learning how to identify and cook healthy food and learning about food hygiene. The St. Luke's CAMEO (below) was granted funding for a similar project and both groups plan to link with each other, for an intergenerational project. The youth club helped raise money for Comic Relief by preparing hot and delicious jacket potatoes for members of the day centre at Hockwell Ring Community Centre.

Over the coming months, the young people will take part in designing healthy eating plans, learning how to cook healthy dishes themselves, correct food hygiene and safe use of equipment. They will also be learning about all different foods from around the world and be able to answer questions such as, 'Where did the Sousop fruit originate!' The group also received funding to accredit 5 young people, enabling them to achieve level 2 certificates in food hygiene/ handling.

### St Luke's CAMEO - £710

St Luke's CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other) was granted funding to provide volunteers with basic food hygiene training and emergency first aid training. St. Luke's CAMEO runs every Thursday, is staffed by volunteers and is for people to come along and have a light lunch with other members of the community. The club was started because there were a number of residents in Leagrave who had little or no social interaction or chance to go out, including those coming to terms with bereavement.

The food hygiene course is a CIEH Level 2 award in food safety in catering. This took place and 8 people have been trained to level 2. A further course is planned for July. The emergency first aid training will be delivered by St. John's Ambulance on 23 July, with 12 people taking part.

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### **Victim Support - £1000**

Victim Support was granted funding to run workshops in Lealands High School to work on tackling bullying in schools. The workshops last for 1 hour and 2 have taken place in the school. The workshops are interactive and have been developed to encourage participation and discussion. There is a balance of information provision and activities, in order to maintain pupil attention on the subject. Unfortunately, the group have not been able to continue workshops due to unforeseen circumstances, but they are working with the school to ensure the remaining 8 workshops are delivered. The student participation and feedback from both sessions has been very positive, with approximately 60 students interacting. Students have said their feelings about bullying have already started to change and they feel more confident about informing staff that bullying is occurring.

### **Leagrave Youth Work Action Group – Page Masters - £1067.98**

Leagrave Youth Work Action Group was granted funding to continue their monthly reading club for teenagers, which was set up with the support of the Luton Cultural Services Trust. This club had been running from St. Luke's Church but will be able to move the club to the Hockwell Ring Community Centre due to receiving this funding. This will increase the accessibility for local teenagers.

The group is facilitated by a community librarian who informs the young people about authors and book choices for them to read and then explore, discuss and draw upon their own experiences to compare the books read each month. The group also plan to hold trips to the cinema and to the theatre to watch plays, as well as 'meet the author' sessions. These sessions will be free of charge to ensure all young people can attend and they won't be excluded on financial grounds. For more information, please contact the Hockwell Ring Community Centre on the number provided.

### **Skate Energy - £3480**

The Integrated Youth Service was granted funding to hold roller skate taster sessions, for local residents. They have run a series of Roller Skate taster sessions and received very positive feedback, from sessions held at the Future Generation Youth Club and Lewsey Farm Learning Centre Trust. There will be two skate sessions - junior sessions and senior sessions. There is an ongoing advert in the local press promoting the sessions. The group have a number of youth volunteers on hand to help with skate distribution and issuing protective equipment and since the funding was granted, everyone involved has been excited and constantly thinking about new themes for the Roller Disco's. The Roller Disco is planned for the summer and they hope to set a new trend in Luton with their roller skating events.

### **Groundwork – Spider Park - £1990**

Groundwork was granted funding to carry out consultation with local people, around what they wanted to see at Spider Park. The group plan to meet with key stakeholders such as Luton Borough Councils Parks department and the Environment Agency. Following this, they will draft an initial proposal plan for public consultation. They are planning to hold a public consultation event at Spider Park on Saturday 2 July 2011, subject to confirmation with the relevant service. The event will be an opportunity for local residents to view and comment on the initial proposals, which they will use to produce a master plan for the park. The event will offer all kinds of entertainment and they will be advertising the event locally beforehand, so please look out for details or contact the Hockwell Ring Community Centre on the number provided.