

**People and Places Delivery Group**  
**15<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

**Report of: Leicestershire County Council**

**Introduction: Brief Summary of issues impacting on Charnwood**

**Summary of issues/activities:**

Community centres - County Council Community Plus commissioning extends to the end this financial year. Centres have been offered advice and assistance towards future sustainable development. A co-ordinated strategy has been developed between CBC (via Tom Kiernan), VAL and LCC and centres (Fearon Hall, Gorse Covert, St Peters and Shree Ram) have been encouraged to complete a template to identify future proposals which can then be shared with the above partners and followed up with specific advice.

Grants - Funds for SHIRE Environmental and Village Hall grants are still available - details on the web site. Several Charnwood projects have been assisted and recent projects include installation of outdoor exercise equipment at Burton on the Wolds and creation of a wildlife study area at St Peter and St Pauls Primary School, Syston.

Shop Front Improvement grants have been re-launched following identification of additional funding for 2011/12. The first two applications were approved earlier this month including one at Birstall.

The Vibrant Villages grant scheme (focus on small grants to rural shops and post offices) is likely to be re launched with additional funding in the autumn.

Inspire business grants funding has now been allocated at the September grants panel - approved projects included an extension to the Great Central Tearoom at Rothley.

The outcome of bids for additional funds for a business support grants programme is awaited.

Information supplied by Mike Thomson, Communities and Places Manager, LCC

**Forthcoming Area Forum Meetings:**

A list of meetings follows;

21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	6.30 – 8.30pm	Loughborough North West	<b>Spectrum Centre</b> , Rosebery St. Peters Community Centre, Storer Road, Loughborough LE11 5EQ
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6.30 – 8.30pm	Loughborough East	<b>Shelthorpe Primary School</b> , Woodthorpe Road, Shelthorpe, Loughborough LE11 2NF
3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	7.00 – 9.00pm	Bradgate Rothley Mountsorrel and Birstall	<b>Birstall Village Hall</b> , Birstall Road, Birstall LE4 4DH
6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7.00 – 9.00pm	Shepshed and Hathern	<b>Shepshed High School</b> , Forest Street, Shepshed LE12 9DA
10th Oct	7.00 – 9.00pm	South Charnwood	<b>Ratcliffe on the Wreake Village Hall</b> , Main Street, Ratcliffe on the Wreake LE4 4SN

## **Your Voice, Your Choice – Community Forum Budgets 2011**

Leicestershire County Council has made funds available to all 25 Community Forums in the county. Each forum will have between 10k and 15k available per year for local communities to invest in local improvements of their choice.

We are looking for projects that can be delivered between January and the end of June 2012.

### **How can local communities get involved?**

People can:

- Put forward project proposals
- Comment on project proposals for the local area
- Vote for their favourite projects

### **How do I put forward a project proposal?**

- Please submit a Project Proposal Form to describe your project proposal.
  - o **NB** Each forum has its own deadline for proposals. Please see schedule below.
- Attend a Community Forum Budget workshop to present your project and discuss it in more detail with others.
  - o Please read the full guidance for applicants, which is available on [www.leicestershireforums.org/cfb](http://www.leicestershireforums.org/cfb) or by contacting the County Council (see contact details below)
  - o Advice and support with filling in your Project Proposal Form is also available at one of the Big Society Roadshows – see attached flyer.

### **How do I comment?**

- All Project Proposal Forms received by the deadline will be made available on the Leicestershire Forums website ([www.leicestershireforums.org](http://www.leicestershireforums.org)) where you can comment on the appropriateness, feasibility and sustainability of the projects and make suggestions on how the project could be further improved and/or developed.

- If you do not have access to the internet and would like to comment, please contact Leicestershire County Council (see contact details below)
- You can attend your local Community Forum Budget workshop (see below).

### **How do I vote for my favourite projects?**

- By attending your local Community Forum Budget workshop (see schedule below).
- At the workshop you will have a chance to hear from all projects, discuss some projects in more detail and to vote for your favourite projects.
- Attendance is free, but you do need to register. Registration opens 2-3 weeks prior to the workshop and will be on a first come, first serve basis. You can register on-line via the Leicestershire Forums website ([www.leicestershireforums.org](http://www.leicestershireforums.org)) or by phoning 0116 3057034.

### **Further Information & Advice:**

Leicestershire County Council, Communities & Places Team

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## Key dates and deadlines

<b>Charnwood</b>				
<b>Area Forum</b>	<b>Project Proposal Deadline</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Workshop Date (all workshops 6.30-9pm)</b>	<b>Proposals on website for comments &amp; Workshop booking starts:</b>
Loughborough South West	<b>17 Oct 2011</b>	£ 12,500	26 Oct 2011	7 Oct 2011
Loughborough East	<b>21 Oct 2011</b>	£ 12,500	3 Nov 2011	14 Oct 2011
Loughborough North West	<b>21 Oct 2011</b>	£ 12,500	9 Nov 2011	24 Oct 2011
Quorn Barrow Sileby & the Wolds	<b>28 Oct 2011</b>	£ 12,500	16 Nov 2011	31 Oct 2011
Bradgate, Rothley, Mountsorrel & Birstall	<b>4 Nov 2011</b>	£ 15,000	23 Nov 2011	7 Nov 2011
South Charnwood	<b>9 Nov 2011</b>	£ 12,500	28 Nov 2011	10 Nov 2011
Shepshed & Hathern	<b>11 Nov 2011</b>	£ 12,500	1 Dec 2011	14 Nov 2011

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