

DACB E-Bulletin

Welcome to DACB's 3rd E – Bulletin

One of the Association's key purposes is to encourage and support networking between our members. Alongside our website www.dacb.org.uk and Village Green, this new E-Bulletin will be a quarterly opportunity to update you on key developments, opportunities and issues. Do forward it to your fellow committee members and other interested parties.

Any feedback on how the E – Bulletin can be improved are welcome. See contact details overleaf.

New funding for Community Buildings

The BIG Lottery Fund is investing an additional £75 million specifically for rural and urban community-use buildings through its flagship programme, Reaching Communities.

From early December 2010, voluntary and community sector organisations and parish and town councils across England will be able to apply for capital funding from BIG of between £100,000 to £500,000

The money will be available for all types of multi-purpose buildings used by communities including community buildings and village halls. Each project should have a total value of no more than £750,000.

A note of caution

Funding for capital work on community buildings costing over £100,000 will only be



available in certain areas in England – those most in need of support based on the area's index of Multiple Deprivation. This information is not available as we go to press, but you will be able to check your eligibility on our website from December. http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities

An online support checker will enable projects to assess their eligibility at a glance, before submitting an outline proposal. Applications will be

assessed on a monthly rolling basis taking the pressure off applicants having to rush through an outline proposal. Organisations can register for further information by calling 0845 4 10 20 30.

The Community Council of Devon will be working closely with Big Lottery to maximise the opportunities for community buildings in Devon, see more details on the events page and the enclosed training flyer for community buildings.

The Community Hubs project is delivered by the Community Council of Devon in partnership with Exeter Community Initiatives (ECI) and the Devon Association of Community Buildings (DACB) as part of the Stronger Communities Programme funded by Devon County Council.

Get ready for winter

Remember those slippery paths and treacherous slopes? To avoid a repeat this winter get your salt orders in early for your community building as well as other organisations and individuals in your village.

Supply Zone and Highway Management are offering

exceptional value on rock salt this Winter. DACB members have an exclusive offer of a 4% rebate on all Supply Zone orders (and 2% over £1000 total spend pa).

Place your order now by ringing 01392 384600.

DACB membership discounts

New members joining DACB from Dec 2010 can get the 15 months membership for the price of annual membership.

See our website: www.devonvillagehalls.co.uk/Pages/Membership

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Meet a member of the Exec Committee

Each issue of this E-Bulletin will feature a member of the DACB Executive committee. This time it is Daphne Gant who is a founder member of DACB, and is involved with Broadwoodkelly Village Hall in West Devon where she, with her husband Robin, are the driving force behind numerous projects as well as



Daphne Gant, DACB committee member

PPL Update



Following extensive negotiations The UK government has amended the music licensing rules for not for profit organisations.

The new rules will come into effect on the 1st January 2011 and will mean that many community buildings and village halls will require an additional music licence.

However PPL is giving a grace period of one year for charities to allow them time to adjust to the new arrangements.

Payment of fees will start on 1st January 2012. however negotiations are still taking place to determine the fee levels

Grant Deadlines

The next deadline for the County Grant Scheme is:

Friday 31st December 2010

For more info E: grants@devonrcc.org.uk

New forms can be downloaded from http://www.devonrcc.org.uk/page/village_halls.php

Community Hubs Project update

The Community Hubs project has started at a challenging yet opportune time for Community Buildings in Devon. The challenge remains that of providing appropriate, affordable and local services for the communities at a time when statutory provision and resourcing is being significantly reduced.

Community Buildings are potentially well placed to deliver some of these services and address some of the unmet need, especially with the support, training and awareness that the Community Hubs project can provide.

Some community buildings have already established innovative services and models of delivery. These are being captured in a series of case studies that will be promoted on the CCD website to encourage and inform others

Year 1 Exemplars

- Bridestowe Village Hall
- South Brent Old School Centre
- Spreyton Village Hall
- Winsford Trust

Community Buildings Training events

FUND IT, BUILD IT

An essential course for communities involved in capital works projects.

**Fri 17th Dec, Witheridge
Village Hall, North Devon**

**Tues 8th Feb, Broadclyst
Victory Hall, East Devon**

COPING WITH CUTS

Identifying funds for the future.

**Wed 19th January Beaford
Village Hall, Torridge**

Costs: £20 per person for DACB members

For more details and to book click <http://www.devonrcc.org.uk/downloads/CCD%202010.11%20courses%20for%20Community%20Buildings.pdf>

The process of Hub selection in year 1 has highlighted the interest in the support that the Hubs project can offer. Selected Hubs in Devon have been very keen to engage and commit to the intensive support package the project provides.

Year 1 Hubs

- Bishops Nympton Village Hall
- Blackdown Healthy Living Centre
- Ilsington Village Project
- Seaton Voices
- Appledore Community Hall

In addition, other support agencies and Local Authorities are keen to harness the engagement of the project to support projects that they are currently engaged with. The project will be proactively informing and linking with these agencies as the project develops over the next 2 ½ years.

The Project is part of the Stronger Communities Programme funded by Devon County Council.

Red tape and legislation Govt survey feedback

Thank you your responses and input into this national study on the red tape you hall committees have to deal with. Feedback from community buildings and community centres in both rural and urban areas has been collated and a report developed. See report at <http://www.acre.org.uk/communityassets/villagehallresearch.html>

Hopefully this comprehensive report will raise awareness of the burden placed on Voluntary committees.

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