

### **The South East Area Prospectus 2006/07**

The Council's South East Area Committee supports residents to develop projects which improve their community. The area covered is Wantage, Grove, Childrey, the Challows, Letcombe Bassett & Letcombe Regis, Goosey, Denchworth, Charney Bassett, Lyford, the Hanneys, Ardington, Lockinge, the Hendreds, Steventon, Milton, Harwell, Chilton, Upton and Blewbury.

The elected district councillors, who make up the membership of the South East Area Committee, have a limited budget which can be used to give small grants towards the cost of starting community projects. In the financial year 2005/06 the South East Area Committee gave grants to seventeen different projects. The grants helped with arts, sports and young peoples' activities. Grants also helped to improve community buildings, conserve historic buildings and maintain important trees.

The Committee's budget for the financial year 2006/07 is nearly £30,000. The table on the following page provides information about the kind of local community led projects that the Committee would like to support in 2006/07. The table is organised to fit with the strands (or themes) of the Vale Community Strategy. The Vale Community Strategy sets out how the Council and its partners will work together to improve the quality of life of everyone who lives in, works in or visits the Vale. The table shows how the South East Area Committee plans to contribute to the Vale Community Strategy. Councillors consider that quality of life in the South East of the Vale will improve if there are more of the kinds of community projects that are listed in the table.

The South East Area Committee recognises that there are other kinds of community projects which may not be mentioned in the table. The Committee is more than willing to consider these projects, as all projects are determined according to their individual merits. However given the Committee's limited budget, it would like to focus its grant giving on projects that it feels will make an important contribution to community life.

If you are a member of a community group in the South East of the Vale who is interested in applying for a grant towards the cost of starting a priority project visit the Council's website: [www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/CommunityDevelopment/GrantsAndFunding](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/CommunityDevelopment/GrantsAndFunding) or telephone the Community Strategy Officer (Direct Dial 01235 547626).

<b>VALE COMMUNITY STRATEGY STRANDS OR THEMES</b>	<b>PRIORITIES IN THE SOUTH EAST AREA IN 2006/07</b> The South East Area Committee aims particularly to support suitable groups who are able to take these projects forward
<b>Recreation, Culture and Leisure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arts festivals, sports activities and other events which are interesting and affordable. These can be for all ages but projects that provide young people with something to do in the evenings, weekends and holidays are of particular interest.</li> </ul>
<b>Transport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community transport schemes, maps and guides to encourage cycling and walking.</li> </ul>
<b>Housing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pro-active housing advice for 'hard to reach' groups (young, disabled, ethnic minorities)</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local service directories or websites; voluntary sector advice 'road shows' visiting village halls.</li> </ul>
<b>Safe and Supportive Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects that develop people's energy and creativity to reduce the risk of anti-social behaviour.</li> <li>• Projects that help to reassure people that the Vale is a relatively safe place so that they do not live in fear of crime.</li> </ul>
<b>Town and Village Vitality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects that encourage more people to visit, and shop in, Wantage town centre.</li> <li>• Projects that encourage economic and social activity in the towns &amp; villages in the South East of the Vale.</li> <li>• Projects to improve community centres and village halls.</li> <li>• Parish action plans in villages that do not already have them.</li> </ul>
<b>Environment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects that discourage the dropping of litter.</li> <li>• Additional street cleansing by the parish councils in the South East of the Vale (with the exception of Wantage &amp; Grove which have different cleansing arrangements).</li> <li>• Projects that encourage more re-cycling.</li> <li>• Projects that help to improve the appearance of Wantage and Grove (These should also be supported by the Wantage or Grove Joint Environmental Trusts.).</li> <li>• Projects that help to improve the appearance of the villages in the South East of the Vale.</li> <li>• The Committee will consider support for the preservation of listed historic buildings that are privately owned (outside the areas covered by the Wantage &amp; Grove Joint Environmental Trusts.) where the building has an element of community use.</li> <li>• The Committee will consider support for the maintenance of trees that are privately owned, if the trees are the subject of a tree preservation order.</li> </ul>
<b>Education and Lifelong Learning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects that promote learning opportunities (particularly ICT) for people of all ages.</li> <li>• Projects that use local school facilities to provide wider community benefits.</li> <li>• Projects that support young parents and help to give children a good start in life.</li> </ul>
<b>Health and Wellbeing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects that encourage people of all ages to exercise more.</li> <li>• Projects that support the wellbeing of elderly people.</li> </ul>