

## Weekly RPC Clerks Update 25 February – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### Clerk's announcements/delegated decisions:

- Open Space Warden report week ended 25.2.2019 : a lot of slivers of concrete off the old slabs on the King George V building patio. This is probably just frost damage, but it may be that by next year some slabs will need replacing.
- Rudgwick Hall Main Room lights being replaced on 12 March 2019.
- Election information, Neighbourhood Plan Call for sites information publicised on Facebook, website and notice boards.

### E-MAILS/COMMUNICATION

25.02.2019 E-mail from Cox Green resident regarding poor service from Thames Water (circulated to councillors)

01.03.2019 Telephone message from Bucks Green parishioner conveying their thanks to the work undertaken by the Litter Warden.

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### List of organisations that communicate with the Council on a regular basis.

AIRS (Action in Rural Sussex)  
APCAG (Association of Parish Councils Aviation Group)  
CAGNE (Communities Against Gatwick Noise Emission)  
CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England)  
HALC (Horsham Association of Local Councils)  
HDC (Horsham District Council)  
SSALC (Surrey and Sussex Association of Local Councils)  
WSCC (West Sussex District Council)

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[www.ssalc.co.uk](http://www.ssalc.co.uk)

## K6 Telephone Box Competition Winners!

This year we had a greater number of submissions and the awarding panel agreed to award a 3<sup>rd</sup> place as well as 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.

It was always going to be difficult to distinguish between 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> but the panel stepped up to the challenge and the prizes were awarded as follows :

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize of £500 - Brook Street, Ansty & Staplefield PC – conversion to a Library with folding chairs**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize of £300 – Greatham, Parham PC – conversion to a Poetry Box – continuing the long literary tradition within this community**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize of £100 - Sutton & Barlavington PC – conversion to an Information Point for walkers and cyclists complete with maps, guides and leaflets**

Prizes will be in the form of SSALC vouchers to be redeemed against events and sessions shown in the SSALC Training Programme.

Thank you to all those who entered and congratulations to our very worthy winners!



*Winning K6, Ansty & Staplefield PC*

## Legal Updates

For regular legal updates please visit  
[www.ssalc.co.uk](http://www.ssalc.co.uk)

### Disposal of Charity Land

Many parish councils are sole managing trustees of charity land. The question of disposal of parts of the charity's land is a recurrent matter. There is also misapprehension that if land is dedicated to a charity then it cannot be sold.

[Read more](#)

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### Adverse Possession

We receive several requests from parish councils about claiming land by adverse possession. There has been a recent Court of Appeal decision (Thorpe v Frank) which has reiterated the relevant principles:

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#### **25.02.2019 Older Persons Forum Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Dear Older Peoples Forum Supporter

The sun is shining and the daffodils are out! Soon be snowing.

As you know our next free to attend public meeting is on Monday 18th March, 10.30am - 1 pm at the Trinity Methodist Hall, Thakeham Road, Storrington RH20 3NG. 10.15am for free tea/coffee.

As we have no specific guest speakers on this occasion, I am asking the 'professional' supporters who attend if they would like to give us a quick overview of their role, what they are currently working on and what the Forum can do to support them.

We will also have time to discuss any relevant current issues that anyone would like to raise.

Thank you for your continuing valuable support.

Martin Bruton, Chairman

[Horsham District Older Peoples Forum](#)

07840 966124

25.02.2019 E-mail from NALC (received 22.02.2019) Newsletter

# Chief executive's bulletin

## Select Committee on the Rural Economy

It is interesting to read the recently published [oral evidence](#) of Rt Hon Michael Gove, secretary of state for environment, food and rural affairs and Lord Gardiner, parliamentary under secretary of state to the Select Committee on the Rural Economy, on the challenges facing rural areas such as service provision, digital connectivity, housing and transport. They indicated they hold the Rural Coalition (of which NALC is a member) in high regard; and stressed the importance of building social infrastructure, village halls and hubs and a vibrant community mentioning the role of NALC and “10000 Councils and 100000 councillors” acting as ambassadors to support and encourage this (see answer to question 309). We meet regularly with Lord Gardiner and will follow this up with him to continue to press our concerns on rural matters.

## Health and wellbeing meeting

I was grateful to county association colleagues from Kent, Essex, Surrey and Sussex who invited me to Stone Parish Council to hear about the work they and their parishes are doing to promote health and wellbeing. It was particularly encouraging to hear the director of public health for Essex, Mike Gogarty, describe local councils as “sleeping giants” which can have a key role in improving people’s health. This will be an important campaign area for NALC over the coming year, including [working closely with the LGA](#) to provide material to help tackle loneliness.

## Elections campaign

This week we launched a further two videos as part of our [#MakeAChange](#) elections campaign to encourage more people to stand as local councillors in May's local elections. In these videos you can hear from NALC's Star Council Awards Councillor of the Year, [Cllr Nick Penny](#) from Coleford Town Council and [Cllr Kai Taylor](#) from Prescot Town Council on why they think residents should stand. More videos will be released next week so keep your eyes peeled.

### **ICO issue consultation on freedom of information**

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) recently launched a [consultation](#) on freedom of information called Openness by design (the ICO [draft access to information strategy](#)). This document and consultation have implications for wider local government and NALC will be responding. The final deadline for responses is 8 March 2019. Do please respond directly to the online survey or email your views to [chris.borg@nalc.gov.uk](mailto:chris.borg@nalc.gov.uk) to help inform the NALC response.

### **Protecting and enhancing England's trees and woodlands**

This week, NALC echoed the Tree Charter's call for greater protection of trees and woodland, in our response to the government's consultation on protecting and enhancing England's trees and woodlands. NALC supported the notion that local authorities must consult with their communities before felling street trees and argued that that should include local councils as a statutory consultee. Read our response [here](#) (login required). Could I also encourage those of you who have not already done so to sign up to the tree charter and consider joining the 200 or so councils that have formed a tree charter branch – you can find out how [here](#).

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## **Village Halls & Community Buildings Advisory Service Newsletter - February 2019**



With the sun beaming down, birds merrily singing in the trees and the spring bulbs poking their heads up through the green grass of the beautiful Sussex countryside, we welcome to you to this month's newsletter.

In this edition among other interesting articles, we will be covering the success of our PAT testing training, drawing attention to our subscriber feedback survey, discussing defibrillators in Village Halls, announcing the first Arun village hall to receive an Inspire Leisure Grant and giving you some dates for your diaries!

If you have any projects, successes, achievements or photographs you would like us to

feature, please do let us know. This newsletter is as much about you and your halls as it is AirS. Please email us on [villagehalls@ruralsussex.org.uk](mailto:villagehalls@ruralsussex.org.uk)

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### From Novice to Qualified PAT Tester... in just 3 hours!

Last week we held our two PAT Testing Training Workshops in both West and East Sussex. The courses were well attended and were run by experienced trainers Karen and Neville from the York based company [Quick Test](#).



For those unfamiliar with Portable Appliance Testing (PAT), it involves assessing the safety of electrical appliances with a view to minimising the risk of problems or faults. A number of companies offer this service, but the training was focused at training to enable individuals to undertake it themselves or at least be aware of what to consider when commissioning others to perform it.

The morning started with an overview of PAT Testing and studying the very simple and comprehensive manual, which was then followed by a short quiz (and you were allowed to use manual to help!). The last part of the course was a fun practical assessment, using the Quick Test **microPAT** machine, using a variety of electrical goods.

We are pleased to say that everyone on the course passed with flying colours and were awarded a Certificate of Competence in PAT Testing

Feedback from the sessions was extremely positive, comments included:

- *"This course was fantastic & I now feel confident to carry out PAT testing for the council"* – Forest Row Parish Council
- *"Would recommend this training, Excellent"* - Seaford Town Council
- *"Well presented & informative"* – Withyham Village Hall
- *"1st class practical & knowledge course which is highly recommended"* - Turners Hill Parish Council

We plan to run this course again in the near future. If you would like to attend the course, please email us on [villagehalls@ruralsussex.org.uk](mailto:villagehalls@ruralsussex.org.uk)

Just to remind those who have someone on site who has previously completed our course, you can hire a PAT Testing machine from us for a weekly charge of £30 (plus labels @ £5 per 100) + VAT. the booking form can be downloaded [here](#)

For more information regarding PAT Testing, please visit <http://www.hse.gov.uk/electricity/faq-portable-appliance-testing.htm>



**Your opinions matter:**

### **Advisory Service Subscriber Feedback Survey**

We recently wrote to you about our Subscribers Feedback Survey, if you haven't done so already, please do fill it out. We are really interested to know your thoughts on our service and what improvements can be made. The survey can be found [here](#)

**We would like to take this opportunity to thank Lewes District Council for continuing to help fund our Advisory Service in 2019/20.**

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### **Insurance for Building Work**

Just a reminder that halls need to inform their insurers when having building work done, as it is not covered by ordinary building and contents insurance. An additional premium may be charged and an insurer may in certain circumstances ask for a surveyor's report. If so, you can include these costs in the budget for the work when applying for grants.

If you are not sure whether work is covered by your ordinary policy, check with your insurer: Small scale

### **Subscriber Renewals 2019/20**



Please be aware that current subscriptions to our 2018/19 Advisory service will end on the 31st March 2019. Application forms for 2019-20 subscriptions will be sent out to existing subscribers in March, along with invoices.

The price for 2019/20 will remain at £144 (inc VAT).

Please note that it is really important that you return the application form in order for us to adhere to GDPR guidelines. We are grateful for payments, but require the application form too!

If you would like more than than just the the key contact to receive this newsletter, regular updates and bulletins, please add their name to section D on the form, however they will need to sign to say they've agreed to their details being used for this purpose.

#### **Our service includes:**

- Free or discounted places at workshops and networking events. (Non-subscribers will be charged for attendance).

maintenance and repairs should be covered, but it depends on your policy wording.

A JCT (Joint Contracts Tribunal) minor building works contract is the standard contract for small scale work, and an insurer may require this is used.

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## Acoustic Problems?

Acoustic problems seem to be an issue for many halls, if your hall has sound issues, you might be interested in a product supplied by The Woolly Shepherd Ltd. It's a sustainable product made from natural fibres. Their products enhance your environment, reducing background noise and improving speech intelligibility, thereby creating a less stressful and more productive space.

For more information, please visit [www.woollyshepherd.co.uk](http://www.woollyshepherd.co.uk)

*This product was installed at Tillington Village Hall, West Sussex a few years ago.*



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## Employment Update

The Government's Good Work Report has led to publication of a draft legislation. Some proposals will take effect in April 2019 or April 2020. Others require further work so the timetable is not clear.

1. Extension of the right to a payslip: From 6 April 2019, all workers, including casual and zero-hour workers, will have the right to a payslip. For part-time workers, this must state the number of hours they are being paid for.
2. Extension of the right to written particulars to all workers: From April 2020, all workers (not just employees) will be entitled to

- Web-based access to themed Topic Notes created by AirS and Village Halls Information sheets produced by our national organisation (ACRE). These provide up-to-date and practical information on a range of topics including insurance, hire charges, employment, budgeting, fire safety etc.
- Monthly newsletters and e-bulletins providing information and updates on all aspects of managing a community building, together with funding and training information and responses to frequently asked questions (FAQs).
- Opportunities to seek answers or comments on key issues or topics from those operating other community buildings in Sussex.
- Access to members of the AirS Village Halls Buddying Scheme for support from those managing other community buildings on particular issues where they have direct experience.
- Representation from Sussex to government consultations via the Sussex Community Buildings Advisory Group (SCBAG) which raises awareness on any issues that affect community buildings.
- Direct and easy access to expert consultancy services for detailed advice on complicated or development issues, particularly capital projects. The service is provided at competitive rates reflecting the aim of AirS to provide affordable services

### Consultancy Services:

In addition to our subscription led service, we are aware that those managing community buildings

receive a document setting out the key terms of their contract (known as "written particulars") from day one rather than within two months as at present. There will be new requirements for mandatory information provided.

3. To enable atypical workers to establish 'continuity of service' more easily (giving them access to key rights), an employee will generally have continuity of service even if they have gaps in the work of up to four weeks. The change applies from April 2020.
4. More clarity on employment status to reflect modern working practices: The aim is to align how the law deals with status for tax purposes with status for employment rights purposes. Individuals and employers will have access to an online tool that determines employment status in the majority of cases (presumably an extension of the existing tool). There is no timetable.
5. Right for all workers to request a 'more stable' contract after 26 weeks's service.

*Thanks to Advising Communities for this information.*

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## Village Halls & Community Buildings Conference 2019

We are currently planning our 2019 Village Halls & Community Buildings Conferences which will be held in early November. As in 2018 we are seeking to run events on two consecutive days in East and West Sussex.

As always we would love to hear your ideas on what you would like us to cover in terms of both speakers and workshops.

often require specialist and targeted support in order to deal with specific issues.

To respond to this need, we offer a consultancy service which provides bespoke and detailed assistance that supports groups with specific issues to individual halls on how to deal with specific issues.

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## Defibrillators and First Aid at Village Halls

If you're looking at installing a defibrillator at your village hall, then you may wish to look at the charity, [AEDdonate](#).

AEDdonate is committed to improving survival from



out of hospital, cardiac arrest, supporting the placement and use of an automated external defibrillators to local communities.

They achieve this by giving Schools, Pubs, Clubs and Communities the opportunity to fundraise locally for an AED which can then be placed onto the PAD scheme. Please note there is a cost involve.

The [British Heart Foundation](#) offer funding for a defibrillator but not the cabinet which is needed to house one externally. They advise that the decision should be made in partnership with the local ambulance service who will advise about their purchase, installation and other practical information.

South East Coast Ambulance Service (SECamb) can be contacted at [pad@secamb.nhs.uk](mailto:pad@secamb.nhs.uk).

Please contact us  
on [villagehalls@ruralsussex.org.uk](mailto:villagehalls@ruralsussex.org.uk) with your ideas.

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## Diary Dates!

### May

[Mental Health Awareness Week](#) 13th - 19th May

[Dementia Action Week](#) 20th to 26th May

### June

[Volunteers' Week](#) 1st - 7th June

### August

[National Allotment Week](#) 12th - 18th August

### October

AirS AGM - 17th

### November

AirS Village Halls and Community Buildings

Conference - TBC

[United Nations Universal Children's Day](#) 20th

November

Use of a defibrillator is normally covered under ambulance service insurance when the responder dials 999 first.

**We are aware that many community facilities have defibrillators located on their premises and are exploring the provision of first aid training in order to support volunteers, trustees and building users in using them.**

**Before we organise this, we would like to know what the uptake is likely to be. If you're interested in attending, please contact us on [villagehalls@ruralsussex.org.uk](mailto:villagehalls@ruralsussex.org.uk)**



**Are you a hall in East Sussex that would like support with business planning for your hall, whilst marketing your venue?**

**Then look no further....Welcome to the Action in rural Sussex Rural Business Breakfast Meetings!**

In conjunction with [Let's Do Business](#), Action in rural Sussex is delivering three business breakfast meetings in East Sussex aimed at encouraging rural businesses to interact, meet potential suppliers and clients and to hear about the free business advice and funding on offer.

We feel these events would be very beneficial for those operating social and community enterprises, including village halls and community buildings. Whilst volunteers and trustees may not consider their village halls or community buildings as businesses in the traditional sense, many aspects of their operation are the same: marketing, social media, business planning and finance matters amongst others.

Each session is themed and has an expert speaker on this topic. There will also be an opportunity to hear about the various forms for government-backed business support, which offers up to 12 hours of free dedicated assistance and guidance.

It would be lovely to see a representative from your building at these events as this is a good opportunity not only to obtain an understanding of the support on offer, but also to promote your venue.

We would also be very appreciative if you could promote these events to hall users and others in your community. Flyers can be downloaded from [here](#)

These events are free to attend but require registration via Eventbrite - please see links below. *Please note that whilst attendance is unrestricted, eligibility for the business support and funding streams is restricted to East Sussex only.*

If you would like more information, please email us at [villagehalls@ruralsussex.org.uk](mailto:villagehalls@ruralsussex.org.uk)

### **Promoting your Business**

Monday 18th March – 8.30am – 10.30am

Ringmer Village Hall, Lewes Road, Ringmer BN8 5QH

**Register at** <https://airsbreakfastmeetingringmer.eventbrite.co.uk>

### **Marketing**

Wednesday 24th April – 8.30am – 10.30am

Herstmonceux Village Hall, Hailsham Road, Herstmonceux BN27 4JX

**Register at** <https://airsbreakfastmeetingherstmonceux.eventbrite.co.uk>

### **Fit for Business**

Wednesday 22nd May – 8.30am – 10.30am

Robertsbridge Village Hall, 11-23 Station Road, Robertsbridge TN32 5DA

**Register at** <https://airsbreakfastmeetingrobertsbridge.eventbrite.co.uk>



**European Union**  
European Regional  
Development Fund

South East Business Boost Programme has been part funded by the European Regional Development Fund 2014-20. It is a partnership between Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, Essex County Council, Kent County Council, East Sussex County Council and Thurrock Council.



In the November issue of the newsletter, we announced that our Village Agents were looking at working with domestic abuse charity, [The Rita Project](#) on their rural community project. We now have the pleasure in announcing that this has come to fruition. Working with both AirS and Sussex Community Development Association (SCDA), the Rita Project will raise awareness of the signs of domestic abuse, particularly within rural communities where access to support may be limited.

For more information about how you can get involved raising awareness in your local community, please contact: Madelaine Hunter at The Rita Project [madelaine@theritaproject.com](mailto:madelaine@theritaproject.com)

For more information about Domestic Abuse and specialist support:

[www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk](http://www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk)

[www.theportal.org.uk](http://www.theportal.org.uk)

[www.safeinsussex.org](http://www.safeinsussex.org)

Our Village Agents would like to draw your attention to the Grow Natural Wellbeing Survey. [The Grow Project](#) have been running courses for over 8 years, welcoming people from all over Sussex to get outdoors, reconnect with nature and improve their wellbeing and they are planning some new ways to connect with nature for wellbeing this year, particularly for people who can't make weekday courses and events.

Grow would particularly like to be aiming this at people in the Voluntary Community Sector who do such amazing work with people and communities and could probably do with a little self-care for themselves.

Share your thoughts to help Grow shape what they do. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9PLBYHR>

If you would like more information on the work of the AirS Village Agents, please visit the [website](#)

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## News from AirS Sussex Community Housing Hub

The Sussex Community Housing Hub operated by AirS provides essential support for communities across Sussex wishing to explore and establish community led housing projects.

Community Led Housing has become an increasingly popular way for communities to help tackle the housing crisis within their own area. Its aim is to increase the supply of housing, primarily affordable homes, to meet local needs in East and West Sussex. This is achieved through providing advice, support and guidance to communities in the pursuit of local development opportunities.

One popular mechanism is through the formation of a Community Land Trust. 10 years ago there were just 14 Community Land Trusts across England and Wales and now there some 300. Roughly 820 homes have been built to date through this approach, with approximately 5,000 in the pipeline. Within Sussex alone, our Hub is working with 23 community groups to explore the provision of local affordable housing in their area.

Last Tuesday, saw the launch of the East Hoathly with Halland Community Land Trust (CLT) Steering Committee. Attended by 80 residents, the event allowed the community to learn more about the creation and aims of the CLT. The steering group have involved all ages of the community by asking the children of the parish school to design their own Eco-house, with the winner receiving a book token donated by AirS.

If you would like more information about the work of our Sussex Community Housing Hub and the help they can offer, please visit the [website](#).

If you are working with a local Community Land Trust or know someone who is, you may be interested to know that the National CLT Network (the official charity supporting Community Land Trusts in England and Wales) has secured a record £300m investment in community-led housing, and are now working with Government on the

implementation of the Fund. However, they are now calling for this fund to be extended beyond 2019/20.

To support this campaign, please write to your local MP about the Community Housing Fund and urge them to write to the Treasury calling for an extension. Please visit the [National CLT Network](#) for more information and email templates.

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## Questions from the Halls!

We are often asked questions by our subscribers that may be better placed being answered by someone with direct experience.

If you are able to offer guidance on the below questions or if you have a question that you would like us to put to the other Village Halls and Community Buildings, please email us on [villagehalls@ruralsussex.org.uk](mailto:villagehalls@ruralsussex.org.uk)

**Q: How do we know if we are paying our staff correctly and how do we compare to other halls pay scales?**

**A:** There are several aspects that need to be considered when determining how much individuals should be paid.

Firstly, clarity on their roles and responsibilities needs to be defined. This should seek to quantify the tasks involved, the time they take and the resources needed to achieve them. Secondly, and linked to the first, consideration needs to be given to the different mechanisms for contracting an individual to undertake the tasks, each of which has different benefits and limitations. For example, individuals may be employed, contracted on a self-employed basis or work voluntarily.

Ultimately, it is for trustees and management committees to determine the tasks, method of contracting and rate of pay which should be offered based on the scale and nature of the task. We highly recommend that you read Information Sheets 22 Managing Employees and 22a Self employed staff, engaging employees and volunteers, as the different formats each have their own benefits and limitations.

It is important to note that halls differ considerably in terms of their size and scale, but also their use and operation. This includes how they are run and how different individuals are paid or reimbursed. These factors can make it challenging to identify a suitable parallel or benchmark against which a direct comparison can be made. Whilst acknowledging these factors, there is still value in exploring pay rates with others, but being very clear that variations may exist. It is also worth considering the market rate (£ per hour) is for similar jobs in your local area.

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## Funding News

This information has been gathered from various public and voluntary sector newsletters and data sources, including East Sussex County Council, West Sussex County Council and local CVS organisations. We are grateful for access to this information. For more information please visit [ESCC Funding News](#) or [West Sussex 4 Funding](#)

***Please note the closing dates for applications as some may have a short deadline.***

### [Architectural Heritage Fund - Heritage Impact Fund](#)

Flexible loans of £25,000 to £500,000 are available for charities, social enterprises and community businesses to support the acquisition, reuse or redevelopment of buildings that are of historic or architectural importance and that will provide social and economic benefits to the local community.

The Fund aims to help deliver projects that support the sustainability of historic buildings as well as support organisations with a clear social mission seeking to deliver demonstrable local economic and community impact. The headline interest rate is 6%. Loans usually require some form of security, generally a first legal charge.

Telephone the Architectural Heritage Fund on 020 7925 0199 for more information.

### [BlueSpark Foundation](#)

Schools, colleges and community groups in England can apply for grants to [Blue Spark Foundation](#) for a wide range of projects. The Foundation value academic, vocational, artistic and sporting endeavour in equal measure but are particularly keen to support projects which will help enhance the self-confidence, team working skills and future employability of children and young people.

### [Heritage Lottery Fund \(HLF\) - Innovation Fund for Places of Worship](#)

The Heritage Lottery's fund is now welcoming applications from projects looking to explore innovative ideas and test new approaches to managing, caring for and funding historic places of worship.

The first step in making an application is submitting an expression of interest, as this will allow you to tell us about your idea in outline before having to complete a full application. Once these submissions are reviewed, the projects with the greatest potential to meet the programme's outcomes strongly will be invited to submit full applications.

Tel: 020 7591 6042 / 6044 Email: [enquire@hlf.org.uk](mailto:enquire@hlf.org.uk)

### [Heritage Mortgage – Architectural Heritage Fund](#)

The Architectural Heritage Fund is now able to offer bespoke mortgage-style loan facilities. The Heritage Mortgage programme allows borrowers to plan ahead across a number of years and at an earlier stage than is usual, potentially reducing the annual costs by stretching the payments over a longer period. The Heritage Mortgage is available either pre- or post-completion of a capital project. Investments of between £150,000 and £500,000 are available, typically over 10 to 20 years.

#### **Jack Goldhill Charitable Trust**

Funding is intended for general charitable purposes. Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees. Previous grants have been for between £100 and £40,000. Charitable organisations working in the UK are eligible to apply. The Jack Goldhill Charitable Trust does not maintain a website.

Groups should write to the Trust for further information on how to apply. Jack Goldhill Charitable Trust Suite 1 1st Floor 1 Duchess Street London W1W 6AN

Tel: 0207 935 1113 Email: [michael@jamllp.com](mailto:michael@jamllp.com)

#### **[Landfill Communities Fund – SUEZ Communities Trust](#)**

SUEZ Communities Trust (formerly SITA) provides funds to not-for-profit organisations to undertake work that is eligible under the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF). Applications are considered for three areas of work which qualify for funding through the LCF. These include:

- Public Amenities
- Historic Buildings, Structures or Sites
- Biodiversity

Projects can be supported that make physical improvements at sites located in any of 100 funding zones around qualifying sites owned by SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK.

#### **Ofenheim Charitable Trust**

The Ofenheim Charitable Trust provides grants for charitable organisations active in East Sussex for general charitable purposes. Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees. The Trust made charitable grants of around £369,000 last year. The grants tend to be in the range of £2,500 to £12,000, with most grants between £2,500 and £5,000. UK registered charities based and working in East Sussex can apply. Applications are accepted at any time.

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following: Ofenheim Charitable Trust, The Pinnacle, 170 Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 1BP

Tel: 01908 687800

### [One Stop Carriers for Causes](#)

One Stop Carriers for Causes grants are available for good causes within two miles of a One Stop shop. They provide a postcode checker. Grants, of up to £1000 will be available to support projects that 'benefit local communities - helping to improve lives and local places'. Local groups and schools are eligible applicants. All sorts of projects are eligible, from purchasing sport equipment or arts and crafts materials for junior clubs, improvements to outside spaces. If you find you are eligible, see the extensive list of suggestions on their website.

This is a rolling programme, meaning that you can apply for funding all year round. Applications are shortlisted on a quarterly basis for panel decision which will take place every three months. Applicants will generally know the outcome of their application within 16 weeks of applying. Ground work manages the scheme on One Stop's behalf. Tel: 07736 132698 Email: [Ben.Smitton@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:Ben.Smitton@groundwork.org.uk)

### [Prince's Countryside Fund - Rural Four](#)

This dedicated programme of support for community projects is funded by Players of People's Postcode Lottery. Now in its second year the project seeks to reach out and engage with up to 10 rural communities annually to help deliver and reinvigorate community assets and services. Overall, the Rural Four project aims to:

- Reinvigorate community networks by assisting with rebuilding community assets Improving the health and well-being of 200 socially isolated people through providing access to improved community assets and a network of support
- Create a lasting legacy of support and community spirit in the areas supported.

The Prince's Countryside Fund, working with partners Scottish Business in the Community, Plunkett Foundation and Pub is the Hub, utilise their networks as a catalyst for community engagement. . Funding of up to £25,000 is available and applications are currently open.

Tel: 020 7566 6615 Email: [sophie.middleton@bitc.org.uk](mailto:sophie.middleton@bitc.org.uk)

### [Rother Rural Trust](#)

Rother Rural Trust is a registered charity, set up in 1998 with a mission to help individuals and organisations in need in the rural parishes of Rother, excluding Battle and Rye. Its specific aims are to relieve poverty, promote education and to do other charitable works. In the past, the Trust has for example, given grants to people in real need, to replace beds or washing machines, or has given support to promising young athletes and musicians to pay for their equipment or instruments.

To apply for a grant, write to the Clerk to the Trustees at the address below stating where you live and giving the reasons why you are asking for a grant and saying what amount you need. Typically the Trust awards sums in the region of £250, but the Trustees can agree other amounts if they feel the need is justified.

Clerk to the Rother Rural Trust; c/o Town Hall; Bexhill on Sea; East Sussex TN39 3JX

Tel: 01580 881309 Email: [stephenhardy1948@gmail.com](mailto:stephenhardy1948@gmail.com)

### **Ruth and Stuart Lipton Charitable Trust**

The scheme is intended to support general charitable activities. Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees. Previous grants have been awarded up to £20,000. There is no minimum grant limit that an applicant can apply for. Charitable organisations operating in the UK are eligible to apply for costs associated with eligible projects. The application process is ongoing and interested applicants may apply at any time. Applicants should note that this trust does not have a website.

Applicants are advised to contact the Ruth and Stuart Lipton Charitable Trust for further information. Tel: 020 7580 7313 Email: [Charity@LewisGolden.com](mailto:Charity@LewisGolden.com)

### **Sport England - Community Asset Fund**

Whether it's the park you run through, the hall you do classes in or the pitch you play on, welcoming and accessible spaces have a big impact on a person's experience – and likelihood of coming back.

As part of this, Sport England have produced a guide and accompanying document to explain more about the new Community Asset Fund, how and why they're doing 29 things differently, when they will make decisions plus tips and advice for developing your project or idea.

Sports clubs and community organisations can now apply for investment from the Community Asset Fund – Sport England's new capital fund dedicated to enhancing the spaces in local communities that give people the opportunity to be active. This fund will have a value of £15 million per annum with the anticipated size of bids between £1000 and £150,000.

### **There is no deadline to apply.**

Tel: 0345 8508 508

Email: [funding@sportengland.org](mailto:funding@sportengland.org)

### **Trusthouse Charitable Foundation - Community Centres and Village Halls**

Trusthouse is interested in applications for capital projects at community centres in the most deprived urban areas and village halls in remote and economically deprived rural areas. The Foundation wants to support community centres and village halls which are at the heart of small, deprived communities. They expect that you will be providing a range of activities for all ages and abilities which help to promote community cohesion and address local problems of isolation, poverty, lack of local facilities, transport and other issues of relevance to your area.

The Foundation will consider applications for new buildings; upgrading, renovating or extending buildings;

improving or creating outside space (but not car parks). You will need to have secured a minimum of 50% of the costs of the project before you start an application. Tel: 020 7264 4990

#### [War Memorials Trust](#)

Grants for War Memorials War Memorials Trust seeks to help all war memorial custodians, whatever the nature and size of their war memorial by facilitating repair and conservation projects. Grants are currently available up to 75% of eligible costs with a normal maximum grant of £30,000.

Annual deadlines are 31st March, 30th June, 30th September and 31st December. Tel: 020 7834 0200 Email: [info@warmemorials.org](mailto:info@warmemorials.org)

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## 28.02. 2019 E-mail from Community Resilience Fund – funding opportunity

Good Afternoon,



SSEN Resilient  
Communities Fund I

I wanted to bring to your attention that the release of the Community Resilience Fund from SSEN is opening from March 4<sup>th</sup> 2019.

SSEN are offering grants of up to £20,000 to support community resilience projects in our network areas. The fund is open to constituted community groups, not-for-profit organisations and registered charities working in our central southern England area. I have attached the grant report from previous years to provide examples of how we have helped communities in the past.

For more information, please visit <https://www.ssen.co.uk/RCF/England/>.

If you require any assistance or have any questions regarding the application forms, please do not hesitate to contact me on the telephone number below.

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