

# RCC Weekly Bulletin

The weekly newsletter of the Rural Community Council (Leicestershire & Rutland)

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## Rutland Together Annual Public Meetings



Helen Briggs, CEO Rutland County Council is pictured with Sam Howlett and Diana Cook from the Rural Community Council

On 10 January the Rutland Together Annual Public Meetings were held in both Oakham and Uppingham. These meetings gave residents of Rutland the chance to have their say on the issues and priorities for the County over the next two years, as well as the opportunity to meet representatives from Rutland Together (the Local Strategic Partnership for Rutland).

The Rural Community Council had two successful stands at the events; one promoting the Rutland Community Spirit Project and another focussing on Community Consultation.

The Rural Community Council consulted the residents of Rutland on the topics of 'Climate Change', 'The Economy' and 'The Big Picture of Rutland' (strengths, weaknesses and opportunities) as well as proving information on Energy Efficiency and showcasing a Library of energy saving light bulbs.



*The walks leaflet was successfully launched on New Years Day at the Sileby Community Centre.*

## Sileby Parish Walks Leaflet launched

The new Sileby Parish Walks Leaflet proposed and devised by the Sileby Parish Plan Group has now been printed by Leicestershire County Council as part of their Parish Walks series. Walks include:

Walk 1: 3km (2 miles), is an easy walk around the village centre and nearby countryside and takes about 1 hour.

Walk 2: 6km (4 miles), this 2 hour walk through meadows, fields and riverside paths includes Cossington Meadows Nature Reserve.

(Short cut to Walk 2: 4km (2½ miles) allow 1¼ hours).

Walk 3: 9km (5½ miles), goes through open countryside with interesting views via Ratcliffe College and Seagrave and needs about 3 hours to complete.

Copies available from libraries and council offices.

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Please email the Editor, Bridget Masters, with any news items: [bmasters@ruralcc.org.uk](mailto:bmasters@ruralcc.org.uk)

## Money still available in Community Grant Pot

The **Welland Community Grant Pot** covers several districts in Leicestershire and Northamptonshire, the county of Rutland and South Kesteven.

The grant comes to an end in March this year with the deadline for applications set at 9th February. **There is still £40,000 available to support new initiatives.**

Capital grants of up to £5000 are available to cover up to 50% of project costs.

If you have a project in mind, please contact the Welland Community Grant Officer Janet Clark, Tel: 01529 302466, E-mail: [janet.clark@communitylincs.com](mailto:janet.clark@communitylincs.com) or visit the web site at Website: [www.communitylincs.com](http://www.communitylincs.com)

## Financial Management Training

### STRATEGIC FUNDRAISING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Thursday 5th February 2009

9.30am - 12.30pm

Including:

Funding Strategy and Diversifying Your Income

Planning Cycles - Taking a Long View of Budgets

Charity Accounts, Annual Accounts and Corp Payroll, VAT and Tax - things you should know  
Plus a chance to discuss your issues and concerns

£10 per person payable upon booking.

To book a place or for further details please contact Christine Barrett on 01858 439264 or email [cbarrett@vasl.org.uk](mailto:cbarrett@vasl.org.uk)



## Funding Sport in the Community

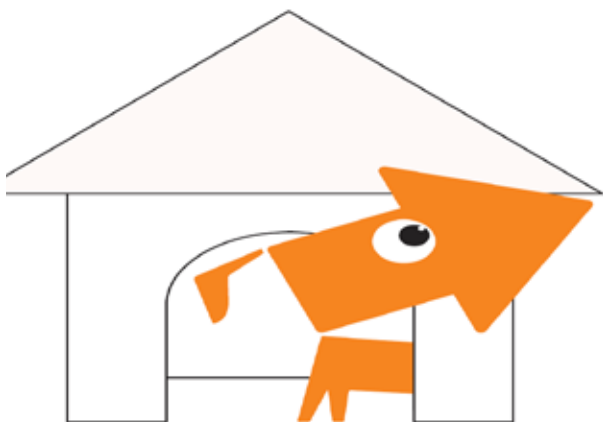


Sport England has just published its new funding strategy, setting out the investment programmes that will be available to organisations delivering grassroots sport from April 2009. Sports clubs, voluntary and community organisations, local authorities and education establishments will be able to apply to these four open-access funding streams worth a maximum of £45 million per year:

- Up to £30 million will be invested via regular themed funding rounds that meet specific needs of community sport
- £7 million will be available in small grants of between £300 and £10,000 to support sporting projects across England
- £3 million will be distributed through Sportsmatch, enabling community clubs to make the most of the funding they receive from the private sector by matching that investment
- £5 million will be invested, through a new Innovation Fund, in projects that identify and pilot new ways of promoting and supporting grassroots sport.

Sport England will also invest £10 million per year of capital funding in projects that promote a sustainable approach to community facilities. Visit the Sport England web site at [www.sport-england.org.uk](http://www.sport-england.org.uk) to find out more

## Directgov supersite launches new campaign promoting digital services



Directgov is launching a major new campaign to offer people help with accessing public services and advice.

People will see a new character, an animated dog, in print, on radio, TV and online. The adverts will show people how they can use one website, Directgov, to access public services through the web, mobile phones and digital television.

The initial focus of the campaign is offering help and advice to people affected by the economic downturn. Whether you need help with mortgage repayments or want to improve your skills, Directgov can point you in the right direction, log on to [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk)

Other topics range from finding a school, renewing your car tax and planning a greener journey as well as dealing with more topical needs like family problems or finding a job.

## Calling local children's groups



Volunteer collectors outside Tesco Hamilton

Each Year Bushby Lions raise funds during Christmas Week for various charities. This year funds were raised for Children's Groups.

Bushby Lions Club Members along with the Lions members of the daughter club Thurnby Lions worked hard for the whole of the Christmas week to raise the funds. Every child who visited the Christmas Sleigh got a small gift. The total amount raised was £5000.00. In spite of the credit crunch the public were very generous and supportive.

Bushby and Thurnby Lions would welcome bonafide applications from local Children's groups interested in having an allocation from the fund. The request should be made in the first instance, to Bushby Lions Club Lion President Josh Ramji email [ramjijosh@hotmail.com](mailto:ramjijosh@hotmail.com)

## Have you received your entry details for the RCC 2009 Best Village Competition?

Volunteers were busy at the RCC offices this week mailing out details of this year's best Village Competition.

Please let us know if your copy does not arrive.



## Lloyds TSB Foundation - Applying for funding

The Lloyds TSB Foundation supports and works in partnership with registered charities which help disadvantaged people to play a fuller role in communities throughout England and Wales.

The Lloyds TSB Foundation Community programme focuses on core funding work that helps disadvantaged people to play a fuller role in the community. They are particularly interested in work that achieves this through:

- Improved social and community involvement
- Improved life choices and chances
- Helping people to be heard.

Foundation funding can support core funding; salary costs; maintaining or improving capacity; supporting the expansion of services; encouraging learning and best practice; lobbying or campaigning at a local, regional or national level and new projects.

You must be a recognised charity, registered with the Charity Commission. If you are a local or regional charity your income must be £1million or less. If you are a national charity working across England and Wales your income must be £5million or less. Grants will be made appropriate to the size of the charity.

You should be clear on the specific changes and benefits that your work will provide for your beneficiaries to help them play a fuller role in the community

The Lloyds TSB Foundation does not fund activities for which local or central government are responsible, animal welfare, schools, hospitals and the environment. Neither does it fund building or refurbishment work, and most capital costs are excluded. More details are available on the website at [www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk](http://www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk) and an on line eligibility test is also available.

For an informal discussion, please contact the regional manager:-Gary Beharrell, Telephone 07734 973060 or email [Gary.bharrell@lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk](mailto:Gary.bharrell@lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk)

## Job Vacancy

### Age Concern Hinckley & Bosworth

are seeking to recruit a

### Rural Development Worker

To develop services and activities for older people who live in the rural areas of Hinckley & Bosworth

15 hours a week to be worked flexibly with some evening and weekend work  
Salary: £6,630 pa.

For more information please contact the Acting Chief Officer, Age Concern Hinckley & Bosworth, 13 King Street, Hinckley. Tel: 01455 619519  
Web Site: [achinckley.bosworth@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:achinckley.bosworth@yahoo.co.uk)

Closing date 6th February 2009

## Thinking of Starting your own Business? Free Business Training Workshops

Business Link is running a series of 6 workshops in Blaby aimed at helping anyone who is thinking about setting up their own business. The Courses will take place at the Council Offices in Narborough.

Topics covered in the workshops range from how to develop your business plan to sales and marketing of your business idea and growth, plus delegates will also be put in touch with their own Personal Business Adviser for further one-to-one advice.

The Workshops will run on 5th, 12th and 19th February and 5th March.

To find out more about any of the sessions or to reserve a place contact Business Link on 01476 531027.