



## Community Network Awards

At the Hartlepool Voluntary Development Agency's Awards Ceremony held on 8 June 2010, three recipients were members of the Community Network who have been actively involved over the past year as a Hartlepool Partnership, Theme Partnership and Neighbourhood Consultative Forum Resident Representatives. They were nominated by fellow members.

The awards were presented by Tracey Herrington the Community Network Co-ordinator. Tracey praised and thanked all Community Network Representatives for their continued valuable work to the Network and the community. The following Representatives were awarded and the reasons they were nominated are outlined below:

### Hartlepool Partnership

Bob Farrow – Recreation and Lifestyle

*"Always speaks up and raises issues – is very well respected throughout the town"*

*"For continually speaking on behalf of all areas of Hartlepool and questioning the proposed plans of the Partnership"*



### Theme Partnership

Paul Thompson – Representative for Children and Young People and Culture, Leisure and Community Learning Partnership

*"He does a lot for this town - unpaid"*

*"Takes an active and supportive role in many ways for the Community Network"*

*"We want the more younger people to get involved and that is why I have chosen Paul"*



### Neighbourhood Consultative Forum Resident Representative

Elizabeth Carroll – Central area

*"Always polite, friendly, approachable, 'knows her stuff', will always do her homework and have the correct answers"*

*"For her commitment, expertise and knowledge"*

*"Although Liz does not attend all Central Forum meetings due to work commitments she feeds back information to myself and others to pass on to the Forum"*



The Hartlepool Partnership Theme Awards were also made by Representatives of the Theme Partnerships. The following groups received awards:

Community Safety—Victim Support

Health and Care—Funkyworld

Lifelong Learning and Skills—Taste @One 77

Children and Young People—Hartlepool Special Needs Support Group

Jobs and Economy—Hartlepool Carers Job Club

Housing and Environment—Friends of North Cemetery

Culture and Leisure—Heugh Gun Battery Trust

Strengthening Communities—Manor Residents Association

## Working Neighbourhoods Fund Grants Update

The Classic & Wooden Boat Preservation Society recently received a grant from Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF) Community Chest. The group was formed in April 2009 to highlight lifeboat rescue heritage, in particular the north east. They are currently refurbishing a building on Middleton Road, near Hartlepool Marina to enable the creation of a lifeboat museum and living history project. The museum will be a permanent exhibit and is expected to be open for the Tall Ships event (7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> August) opening from 9:00am to 9:00pm. After the event, the museum will be open Monday to Friday between the hours of 10:00am and 4:00pm where visitors can learn about north east lifeboat heritage and see volunteers restoring and preserving classic and wooden boats. The group also intends to contact schools to arrange educational visits. The long term plans for the group are to set up a training facility to enhance employability through craft skills and woodworking. If you would like further information on the group please contact Andrew Young on 07970828439.



If your group would like to apply for a WNF Grant or would like further information contact Liz Ashton or Alison Barnes—Grants Officers on (01429) 262641.

## Hartlepool Partnership Feedback



Hartlepool Partnership—Older Persons Representative Paul McCraith gave the following feedback “I have been a member of the Hartlepool Partnership for a year now and here are my impressions of the year. The Partnership is made up of Representatives from almost all facets of our society in Hartlepool, but mainly Hartlepool Borough Council (HBC) and all the local services and providers, together with Community Network Representatives. It meets every six weeks and is very well attended and very informative. I am the Older Person’s Representative and as such will take matters of concern to the Partnership from older people usually through my attendance at Neighbourhood Action Plan meetings, local community groups, Older Person’s LIT and the Community Network. At our last meeting on 21 May 2010

Keith Bayley, Manager of HVDA was elected Vice Chair of the Partnership. There was much discussion regarding the closure of Garlands and deep concern over the loss of jobs. A Rapid Response Team was established to support those who lost their jobs. There was a report on ‘making the most of your money’ to help people manage money, plan ahead, choose financial products and plan for redundancy and retirement. Discussions and reports also took place on a number of other topics including: Climate Change, HBC’s Cultural Strategy, Child Poverty, Promoting Civic Participation, HBC’s Compact with the Voluntary Sector, Neighbourhood Management and the Tall Ships”.

## Have Your Say On Council Spending

Hartlepool Borough Council has already reduced spending in 2010/11 by £4.2m to balance the budget. Due to cuts in Government grants, the Council will need to make further savings of £1.66m in the current financial year. The Council would like residents and organisations views on the what you think the Council’s priorities for spending should be for 2011/12. A meeting has been arranged for 7 September 2010 (time and venue to be confirmed) or you can go online and fill in the questionnaire at <http://consultation.hartlepool.gov.uk>

For further information contact (01429) 523041 or e-mail [yourtownyoursay@hartlepool.gov.uk](mailto:yourtownyoursay@hartlepool.gov.uk)

## New Neighbourhood Consultative Forum Resident Representatives

The Community Network would like to North: congratulate and welcome the new (and established familiar faces) Resident Representatives to the Network who were elected in June 2010 for a two year term.

Resident Representatives take local issues forward on the town's three Neighbourhood Consultative Foras, and community involvement in the Hartlepool Partnership ensures a range of topics get discussed at the highest level.

The Community Network support Resident Representatives at the Hartlepool Partnership Pre-Agenda meetings. These meetings enable Representatives to support the Vice Chairs sitting on the Hartlepool Partnership and allows feedback from the relevant Scrutiny Forums they have also been elected to.

### Central:

Evelyn Leck (*Vice Chair*)



Brenda Loynes (*Sub Vice Chair*)  
Elizabeth Carroll  
Bob Farrow  
Peter Goodier  
Ted Jackson  
Steven Mailen  
Brian McBean  
Julie Rudge  
Hilda Wales



Robert Steel (*Vice Chair*)

Linda Shields (*Sub Vice Chair*)  
Christine Blakey  
John Cambridge  
John Maxwell  
Joan Norman  
Joan Steel

### South:

Angie Wilcox (*Vice Chair*)



Mary Green  
Rosemarie Kennedy  
Iris Ryder

The Community Network would also like to thank previous Resident Representatives in particular John Lynch, Mary Power, Jean Kennedy and Michael Ward for their valuable contributions to the local community and the Network.

If you have any issues in your area you would like your Resident Representatives to help to improve please contact Julie Turner, Community Network Support Officer on (01429) 262641 or e-mail [j.turner@hvda.co.uk](mailto:j.turner@hvda.co.uk) who will pass on your request to the relevant Resident Representative.

## Training Update

Thanks to the Community Network Representatives who attended and contributed to the North East Empowerment Partnership (NEEP) Forum meeting on 16 June 2010 at Darlington Football Club which focused on 'Total Place: Empowerment for Less'. The event was for service providers and community representatives and considered participation in light of the current economic climate and the drive to reduce public sector spending. Hartlepool was highlighted as being very pro-active in community engagement and we are expecting a visit to the Borough from NEEP members as a result of the event.

Future courses and training events are identified in the attached flyer and include: the first Annual Community Safety Forum Event on 9th July, an event to provide information on Climate Change and explore opportunities for the community to make a real difference which will be held on 27th August, a training course on effective meetings on 7th September and an e-participation workshop on 30th September.

We are also offering a training opportunity in managing community and voluntary organisations. The training course leads to an Open College Network (OCN) level 2 certificate and will be held one day a week for five weeks. The content includes: strategic planning, business planning, funding, roles and responsibilities and managing finances.

For further information or to book any of the above courses or events, please contact Sylvia Tempest, Community Network Officer on (01429) 262641 or [s.tempest@hvda.co.uk](mailto:s.tempest@hvda.co.uk)

## Central Correctors

The Central Correctors Group was first set up in 2008 and is going from strength to strength. Mum — Charlene Twidale set up the group after young people from the Central Estate approached her complaining that there was nothing to do for them on the estate. Central Correctors was then formed which meet every Tuesday from 5pm—7pm in the Phoenix Centre. The group is open to all young people aged over 9. Activities include arts and crafts, pool, sports day, as well as activities suggested by the young people. The Group currently has 70 members and 5 staff. The young people have raised a staggering £2,300 since they began on various fundraising activities e.g. sponsored stay awake; Halloween, Christmas and Easter events. Charlene said “I am very proud of the young people and I would like to thank partner organisations for their support to help us in what we’ve achieved so far”.



Well there is certainly plenty to become involved with now on the Central Estate! New members/volunteers are always welcome, contact Charlene on 07955294588 to find out more.

## Neighbourhood Action Plan Meetings

### Central

- Burbank - Tuesday 3 August at 9.30 am, Burbank Community Centre
  - Town Centre - Wednesday 4 August at 2.00pm, Lynnfield Centre
  - Rift House - Thursday 5 August at 3.00 pm, Masfield Centre
- Contact Irene Cross, Central Neighbourhood Development Officer on (01429) 855560

### South

- Owton - To be confirmed
  - Rossmere - Tuesday 20 July at 5.30pm at the Rossmere Community Building
- Contact Susan McBride, South Neighbourhood Development Officer on (01429) 523075

### North

- Central Estate - To be confirmed
  - Headland - To be confirmed
  - Dyke House / Stranton / Grange - Friday 20 August, 12noon, Avondale Centre (attached to Dyke House School), Raby Road entrance  
West View / King Oswy
  - Throston - Thursday 26 Aug at 1.00pm, St. John Vianney RC Church
- Contact Ann Callaghan, North Neighbourhood Development Officer on (01429) 523388

## Future Community Network Meetings

Tuesday 20 July 2010  
12noon—2pm  
Belle Vue Centre

Tuesday 19 Oct 2010  
12noon—2pm  
Belle Vue Centre

Thursday 17 Feb 2011  
12noon—2pm  
Belle Vue Centre

**PLEASE ENSURE THIS  
INFORMATION IS PASSED ONTO  
OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR  
GROUP**

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