

### **The North East Area Prospectus 2009/10**

The Council's North East Area Committee supports residents to develop projects which improve their community. The area covered is Fyfield & Tubney, Frilford, Garford, Marcham, Appleton-with-Eaton, Cumnor, Wytham, North Hinksey, South Hinksey, Kennington, Radley, Sunningwell, Wootton, St Helen Without and Besselsleigh.

The eleven elected district councillors for the North East wards of the Vale of White Horse District, that make up the North 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 2008/09 the North East Area Committee gave grants to fifteen different projects. The grants helped with arts, sports and young peoples' activities. Grants also helped to improve community buildings.

The Committee's budget for the financial year 2009/10 is nearly £ 19,000. The table on the following page provides information about the kind of local community led projects that the Committee would like to support in 2009/10. The table is organised to fit with the priorities 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 North East Area Committee plans to contribute to the Vale Community Strategy. Councillors consider that quality of life in the North East of the Vale will improve if there are more of the kinds of community projects that are listed in the table.

The North 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. All projects should be supported by local parish councils or meetings.

If you are a member of a community group in the North 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: [http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/community\\_support\\_and\\_advice/Community\\_grants/default.asp](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/community_support_and_advice/Community_grants/default.asp) or telephone the Community Strategy Officer (Direct Dial 01235 547626).

| VALE COMMUNITY STRATEGY PRIORITIES   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRIORITIES IN THE NORTH EAST AREA IN 2009/10</b></p> <p>The North East Area Committee aims particularly to support suitable groups who are able to take these projects forward</p>   |
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| <b>Healthier communities</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing sports activities that are interesting and affordable</li> <li>• Providing maps and guides to encourage cycling and walking</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Improving quality of life for older people</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing befriending and good neighbour schemes</li> <li>• Providing lunch clubs and other social activities</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Safer communities</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reassuring people that the Vale is a relatively safe place so that they do not live in fear of crime</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Fostering a greater sense of community</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encouraging interaction between residents of different ages, circumstances and backgrounds</li> <li>• Improving community buildings</li> <li>• Using local school facilities to provide wider community benefits</li> </ul> |
| <b>A good understanding of town and parish priorities</b>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparing parish action plans</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Involving young people</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing positive leisure time activities</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Helping those without cars to access jobs and services</b>                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introducing or improving community transport schemes</li> <li>• Providing local service directories or websites; voluntary sector advice 'road shows' visiting village halls</li> </ul>                                     |
| <b>Affordable homes</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encouraging rural exception sites</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Good quality homes</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing pro-active housing advice for 'hard to reach' groups (young, disabled, ethnic minorities)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Access to good quality green spaces, sport, cultural and leisure facilities</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving sport and leisure facilities that are open to all</li> <li>• Improving open spaces</li> <li>• Providing new cultural activities that are open to all</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Addressing economic weaknesses</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing after school clubs</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Maintaining and enhancing the health and vitality of the Vale's market town centres</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encouraging residents to support shops and other businesses in the area's villages</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Living with extreme weather conditions</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing good neighbour schemes for older people and other vulnerable groups</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Reducing waste and increasing recycling</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encouraging more re-cycling (e.g. community swap-shops)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>A high quality natural and historic environment</b>                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhancing listed buildings that are open to all</li> <li>• Enhancing parks and gardens that are open to all</li> <li>• Improving the appearance of the villages in the area</li> </ul>                                      |

