

## Grant Advisory Panel Annual Report 2014/2015

### Chair's Report

This is the fourth Annual Report from the Grant Advisory Panel of the Foreshore Trust. The Grant Advisory Panel was established to advise on and administer the Trusts grants programme.

Following various discussions over the year between the Grant Advisory Panel and the Charity Committee it has been agreed to continue to grant making on the basis of the following areas of charitable purpose:

- The prevention or relief of poverty
- The advancement of health or the saving of lives
- The advancement of citizenship or community development
- The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science
- The advancement of amateur sport
- The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity
- The advancement of environmental protection or improvement
- The relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage
- Any other purposes currently recognised as charitable and any new charitable purposes which are similar to another charitable purpose.

### Grant programmes

There were two grants programmes delivered during the year: the Small Grants programme, totaling £50K per year, and the Events Grants programme, totaling £20K per year. This year additional monies were made available to support an Events programme as detailed below.

- Events Grant Programme Round 2- March 13/14 - £20,000 (+) was available, with a maximum of £2,000 for each grant.
- Events Grant Programme Round 3 - March 14/15 - £20,000 was available, with a maximum of £2,000 for each grant.
- Small Grants Programme Round 4 - September 13/14 of the - £50,000 was available, with a maximum of £5,000 for each grant.

### Events Grants Round 2

Twenty one applications were received for the grant with the amount being requested totaling £34,377. The Grant Advisory Panel, followed by further additional recommendations by the Charity Committee, recommended 14 applications be approved totaling £26,242. Additional funds were identified by the Charity Committee to fund three additional projects and provide extra funding for some of the projects recommended by the panel.

### Events Grants Round 3

Twelve applications were received for consideration totaling £21,557. The panel recommended that 9 applications be funded totaling £16,685. The Charity Committee agreed to allocate the underspend from this grant round towards the next grants programme. Below are details of some of the projects supported by the Foreshore Trust Events Grants Programme in Rounds 2 and 3.

#### **Small Grants Round 4**

Forty one applications were received with the total requested amount being £147,142. The Panel recommended 18 applications be approved totaling £50,000. As in previous years, a good spread of projects was funded including different age groups, arts activities, community and community cohesion, disadvantaged groups and equal opportunities. Below are details of some of the projects supported by the Foreshore Trust in Round 3.

#### **Membership of the Grants Advisory Panel**

In September 2014 Sandra Garner resigned as Chair of the GAP with Andrew Colquhoun announced as the new Chair. In January 2015 Dick Edwards resigned from GAP and Charles Sharrod was appointed in his place.

#### **Thanks**

I should like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Panel members, Charles Sharrod, Steve Manwaring, Judith Monk, Karen Rigby- Faux, Sandra Garner, Richard Lewis and Barry Cooper for their contribution and support throughout the year. I should also like to acknowledge the invaluable assistance provided to the Panel by a number of officers of Hastings Borough Council.

Andrew Colquhoun  
Chair Grant Advisory Panel  
October 2015

## **Details of projects (selected) supported by the Foreshore Trust grants programme during in 2014-15**

### **Events Grants Round 2**

#### **St Leonards Festival Foreshore Parade – Central St Leonards Town Team**

The St Leonards Festival is the main event in the St Leonards calendar for the community to come together and celebrate the diversity of the town. Free family orientated day with activities, performances, stalls and food in Warrior Square Gardens Also, a Foreshore Parade along the promenade led by the Jaipur Kawa Brass Band, with music making workshops.

The Foreshore Parade was a completely new programme within the wider event of St Leonards Festival. The parade was extremely popular and successful on a number of levels:

1. Served to incorporate the foreshore a part of a larger event
2. Attracted many participants from across the town/Old Town that included young people and the Russian Rainbow School
3. Attracted a great audience who lined up and were invited to participate along the upper and lower promenade
4. Provided an opportunity to headline international artists from India 'Musafir'
5. Gave purpose for the practical music making activities for families to join in
6. Provided a 'circus' themed parade with wheel spinning, acrobatics, aerial performances, unicycles, music and dance

The St Leonards Parade has planted a seed of the potential for future parades to take place along the promenade.

Feedback from participants

"Shared the joy of instrument making! To play in the procession!"

"The end time is perfect, early enough for families and it marks it as a family friendly festival.

These three videos show three other events funded by the Foreshore Trust.

#### **Colour the Coast – St Michaels Hospice**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hf-j4n07T3E>

#### **Mermaids on the Beach**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ALGKnsldSw>

#### **Hastings Fat Tuesday**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6VOAWoovlg>

### **Events Grants Round 3**

#### **Journey's Dance Festival**

Journeys Dance Festival was very well received at the Stade Open Space attracting a more diverse audience than usual. The public particularly engaged with the full workshop. The Foreshore Trust has helped enormously with publicity, without this help we could not have afforded the flyers and the seafront poster sites.



### **Comment & Feedback**

“It brings you to life” Sandrine (aged 50-64)

“Really joyful, inclusive event. Dance and music an excellent combination.” Camilla (aged 65-80)

“The music and ladies dancing. The whole event was fun.” Nancy (aged 25-34)

### **Drumming up St Leonards**

Without the Foreshore Trust support there would have been no seafront drumming parade (stretched from between Hastings Pier and the Azur and circumnavigated Warrior Square Gardens. This involved children, teachers and families from Christchurch School, the new Rickshaw Company, Mayotte International visiting from France, St Leonards Golden Deities, Jo Moon, Andy Dinsdale (Bosco Circus Skills), Asha Unnithan (Indian dancer), local circus groups, MENCAP Open Door Drummers, Section 5, and Stix. Producing collaboration on this scale required expert production in order to develop the health and safety aspects and the Event Management Plan. With Foreshore Trust support we paid for seafront barriers, double crown posters, A3/A4 posters and flyers to reach as many people as possible.



Section 5 Drummers

### **Small Grants Round 4**

#### **1. The Pocket Park, Wildlife and Community Growing Project**

The project has advanced considerably. We now have onsite storage which enables us to store gardening tools and equipment for events which means we can maintain and manage the space much more efficiently.

The visitor numbers and community engagement has gone from strength to strength. We have run 5 community events since we received the funding with visitor number reaching up to 319 at each event. There have been a number of other events run by a variety of local community groups including RSPCA, and the day to day footfall at the park has increased by more than 150%.

We are now able to run a playgroup at the Pocket Park once a week as we have sufficient play and sensory equipment. The group is open to children of all ages (pre-school or home schooled) living within the borough of Hastings.

We are looking to work with the RSPCA at Mallydams in order to run a series of workshops aimed at helping families to engage with outdoor play. We have also begun the process of developing an after school gardening club and an Adults gardening club. None of this would be possible without the equipment and storage we have been able to purchase with funds from the Foreshore Trust.



#### **2. Volunteer Works**

Our statistics for 2014-15 show that on average we dealt with 450 clients each month who each presented with 2.5 problems with approximately, 85% of our clients live in Hastings and St Leonards. CA1066 work with local people to inform, advise and assist them to resolve their concerns or problems and this work is carried out by volunteers working in different capacities including providing admin support, reception duties, assessment and advice, and acting as trustees and the grant has made this possible.

### **Testimonies from one of our volunteers**

Chrissie knew that computer training would help her get a better job but was nervous about making the first steps.

She remembers:

"I was worried about how much it was going to cost, how much time it was going to take up, how much written work I would have to do and the whole business of actually going to find the place and asking how to do all this."

A friend encouraged her to volunteer learning new computer skills on the job but at the same time being able to help clients and giving back to her community gave her the confidence to progress these skills further via our class room training moving on to more advanced computer skills and she hasn't looked back:

"I can't understand why I was so nervous. The trainer was really helpful, and the other volunteers and staff were so friendly and supportive. So many doors have opened for me as a result. I don't know why I waited so long."

### **3. Hastings Festival of Cultures and Faiths**

Without this grant we would not have been able to continue our valuable work to encourage community cohesion, including understanding and respect for those of a different faith or ethnicity to myself and harmonious cooperation between different faith and minority community groups.

"Trust through friendship, peace through trust."

Very cute Chinese children singing Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, the energy of the Pestalozzi dancers, a 12-strong choir singing in Gaelic, Gwyneth improvising melodies with guitarist Mike and Bernie on flute, Tom Cole signing Jonnie Cash, a Latvian Band singing in Russian, buffet food and cakes beyond excellence, Idol Rich puppetry and thirteen stalls from Sikh and Baha'i to Fairtrade and Interfaith Embroidery – just a sweet taste of the 2014 Winter Festival of Faiths and Cultures - promoting trust through friendship and peace through trust!





#### 4. Hastings Predators Floorball

This grant has been enormously helpful to our club! 2014-15 has been an extremely busy year for the Management Committee, and we are very grateful for the funding support which has helped us achieve so many of our goals for the year.

Some of the milestones we reached this year are:

- Entered a team into the UK Floorball Federation Senior National League for the third consecutive year, a fantastic opportunity for our players
- Formed an U-16's youth team who have competed in a friendly tournament at a UKFF match in Hastings, played friendly matches against teams from Cambridge and Farnborough in Godalming, and have entered the Youth National Cup (the biggest youth event in the Floorball calendar!) for the first time ever
- Won 3rd place team in the South Division – the highest ever result for the club
- Won trophies for first and second top point scorers in the Division – the first time the club has ever won such an award – now we have two!
- Placed as 6th senior team in the UK; this was the first time Hastings has ever qualified as a top 12 UK team to be eligible to play at Nationals, so we were delighted to end up as 6th place team
- Run weekly after school clubs and youth clubs continuously throughout the school year with regular attendance now of 20+ young people every week
- Attended working groups with Hastings Borough Council and Active Rother to become more involved in local sports provision and activities





<b>Foreshore Trust Events Grants Programme Round 2</b>			
<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount agreed</b>
FT-E201	Hastings Annual Free Beach Concert	Hastings Annual Free Beach Concert	£2,000
FT-E202	Hastings & District Canoe Club	Try Paddling	£1,400
FT-E203	Idolrich Theatre Rotto Productions	Frog SOS	£2,000
FT-E205	Labyrinth Arts / Community Bicycle Workshop	Hastings Bike Party	£1,960
FT-E206	Hastings Predators Floorball Club	Hastings Predators Summer Street Sports	£1,817
FT-E207	St Michaels Hospice	Colour The Coast	£2,000
FT-E208	Hastings Borough Bonfire Society	Hastings Bonfire Celebration	£2,000
FT-E212	18 Hours Ltd	18 Hours of Dance	£2,000
FT-E213	The Hastings Storytelling Festival	Hastings Storytelling Festival	£2,000
FT-E215	Central St Leonards Town Team	St Leonards Festival Foreshore Parade	£2,000
FT-E216	Hastings Fat Tuesday	Hastings Fat Tuesday Umbrella Parade	£2,000
FT-E218	Respond Academy	Fundayze	£2,000
FT-E219	Albion in the Community	Premier League Kicks Beach Football Tournament	£1,065
FT-E220	Mermaids on the Beach	Mermaids on the Beach	£2,000
<b>Total approved</b>			<b>£26,242</b>

<b>Foreshore Trust Events Grants Programme Round 3</b>			
<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount agreed</b>
FT-E301	18 Hours	Journeys Dance Festival	£2,000.00
FT-E302	Central St Leonards Town Team	Drumming up St Leonards	£2,000.00
FT-E304	Hastings Storytelling Festival Ltd	Fishy Tales	£2,000.00
FT-E305	Hastings Predators Floorball Club	Hastings Predators Summer Street Sports	£1,925.00
FT-E306	Labyrinth Arts / Community Bicycle Workshop	Hastings Big Bike Party & Bottle Alley Bike Bomb 2015	£1,050.00
FT-E307	St Michael's Hospice	Santa's Festive Fiesta!	£2,000.00
FT-E309	Women's Voice	Hastings Women's Seaside Festival	£1,710.00
FT-E310	Seaview Project	Mass Sleep Out	£2,000.00
FT-E311	Idolrich Theatre Rotto	The Walrus & the Carpenter	£2,000.00
	<b>Total</b>		<b>£16,885.00</b>

<b>Foreshore Trust Small Grants Programme Round 4</b>			
<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount agreed</b>
FT401	Age UK	Hollington Healthy Living Club	£967.00
FT402	Better Braybrooke	The Pocket Park, Wildlife and Community Growing Project	£3,284.00
FT403	CA1066	Volunteering Works	£5,000.00
FT406	Counselling Plus	Access for All	£5,000.00
FT411	FAT Tuesdays	Hastings Fat Tuesday Mentoring Program (HFTMP)	£5,000.00
FT413	Friends of Alexandra Park	Friends of Alexandra Park (Hastings) Website	£760.00
FT416	HARC	Improved client service through new technology	£4,555.00
FT417	Hastings and District Interfaith Forum	Hastings Festival of Cultures and Faiths	£1,000.00
FT418	Hastings and District Woodcraft	Phoenix	£1,903.00
FT419	Hastings and Rother Mediation	Volunteer Training in community mediation skills	£1,212.00
FT421	Hastings and Central Townswomen's Guild	Out and About – Let's do More	£692.00
FT424	Hastings Philharmonic Choir	Carmina Burana	£2,000.00
FT425	Hastings Predators Floorball	Hastings Predators Community Group	£3,342.00
FT426	HOPEG	Winter Celebration / Easter Celebration	£840.00
FT430	Radiator Arts	Snowline	£4,995.00

FT431	RAF Cadets	The 304 Flight Sim Project	£2,137.00
FT432	Rhythmix	Rhythmix Music (Working title. We would like the young people to come up with a project name.)	£3,188.00
FT433	Seaview	Seaview Catering Improvement Project	£4,125.00