

Appendix A

Grant Advisory Panel

Annual Report 2013/2014

Chair's Report

This is the third Annual Report from the Grant Advisory Panel of the Foreshore Trust. The Grant Advisory Panel which was appointed in March 2011 was established to advise on and administer the grant programme.

The Scheme for the Foreshore Trust states that after the costs of administering the Charity and of managing its assets, including repair, have been met then the Trustee can distribute the surplus income in the furtherance of the objects of the Charity and for no other purpose. It was determined that “appropriate objects for surplus income would be for such wide charitable purposes within the area of the Borough of Hastings which would benefit the inhabitants and visitors to Hastings and St Leonards as the Trustee of the Charity thinks fit.” The Trustee has decided that generally the focus of grant making will be on 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

In addition to the Small Grants programme, this year additional monies were made available to support an Events programme. The first round of the Events Grants programme was fast tracked to accommodate the 2013 summer season. A second round was delivered in March 2014. £20,000 was available for each round, with a maximum of £2,000 for each grant.

The available budget for Round 3 2013 - 2014 of the Small Grants programme was again agreed at £50,000 The maximum individual grant under the Small Grants programme was £5,000

Events Grants Round 1

A total of 6 applications were received, the requested amount being £10,540. The Panel recommended 5 applications totaling £8,540.

Events Grants Round 2

21 applications were received for £34,377. The panel recommended that 11 applications be funded totaling £20,000. The total amount of grant requested by these organisations exceeded the £20,000 budget. For all but one of the projects recommended by the GAP for funding, the level of grant recommended was slightly less than the grant requested in order to keep within the £20,000 budget.

Hastings Borough Council officers felt that there were a number of additional projects that warranted grant support which could be funded from that portion of the 2013-14 budget that remained unallocated. 3 additional projects were funded totaling £5065. Officers also recommended that a further £1,177 from the 2013-14 grants budget be used to increase the level of grant awarded to those projects recommended by the Panel up to the maximum amount requested by each applicant. The sum total of all of the above HBC officer recommendations was £6,242.

This report contains details of some of the projects supported by the Foreshore Trust in Rounds 1 and 2.

Small Grants Round 3

A total of 19 applications were received, the total requested amount being £65,029. The Panel recommended 13 applications totaling £38,044. 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. This report contains details of some of the projects supported by the Foreshore Trust in Round 3.

Membership of the Grants Advisory Panel

Under a scheme dated 13 January 2011, Hastings Borough Council became 'the Trustee' to the Hastings and St Leonards Foreshore Trust. The scheme advocated that there must be a Grants Advisory Panel with no fewer than four and not more than eight members.

The members of the Grants Advisory Panel must be appointed by the trustee on the basis of their knowledge and experience of the voluntary and charitable sector and in particular their knowledge of the voluntary and charitable sector in the area of the Borough of Hastings.

In March 2014 Andrew Colquhoun, Richard Lewis and Barry Cooper were appointed to join the original 5 members. The Panel was pleased to welcome them.

Thanks

I should like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Panel members, Dick Edwards, Steve Manwaring, Judith Monk, Karen Rigby- Faux, Andrew Colquhoun, 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.

Sandra Garner

Chair Grant Advisory Panel

October 2014

Details of some of the projects supported in 2013

Events Grants Round 1

(A) ici et la - here and there – Claremont Studios

To support & deliver an emerging artist's performance work on the lower promenade in St Leonards-on-Sea over a seven day period in September 2013. This was a free and fully inclusive event for the audience.

The performance/installation attracted many comments from passers-by and local residents. People were adding their own pebbles to the installation with their personal words or phrases on.

Dominika Skutnik gave 3 artists talks. She talked about her intervention on the harbour arm and led a Q&A with some of the 50 guests from Dunkerque, Hastings and the SE region who participated in the opening launch events on the Stade. The opening event at the Stade Hall included a performance by Bie Michels to open her installation 'Surrounding Water'. This was seen by 50+ people, including Cllr Alan Roberts, Mayor of Hastings, Marianne Nouveau, Deputy Mayor of Dunkerque responsible for culture, Muriel Noel, Directrice of Maison Quartier Dunkerque Centre, and Marc Dumolin, President of La Plateforme.

(B) Wish you were here – Radiator Arts

Gave volunteers experience in making and performing over a 2 week period. Gave visitors and locals a humorous and memorable performance to watch along the seafront and on the Stade. It is hoped that it will add to Hastings summer programme and to events such as the Sea Food and Wine Festival.

Volunteers were taught to make props, costumes and helped with making of the bathing hut. The workshops were advertised amongst existing volunteer contacts and also on the Facebook page encouraging new volunteers. The grant allowed the group to train volunteers, to build the bathing machine that would be used for future projects, to raise the profile of Radiator Arts and to cement the relationship with volunteers and create opportunities for future work.

Events Grants Round 2

(A)Hastings Predators Summer Street Sports – Hastings Predators Floorball Club

Summer Street Sports tournament with a full day's sports activities to encourage more local people to participate in sports activities, promote local sports clubs and provide opportunities to sample new sports.

Hosted an open air tournament of floorball, which had never been done before in the UK, and welcomed 5 teams from around the UK to play a tournament. UKFF provided 2 professional referees to ensure the games were of a high standard. In addition demonstrations and exhibitions from other local groups and teams including a Zumba demonstration and opportunity to participate, Zeus Strong Man team which was also a demo & chance to have a go, and the South Coast Calisthenics 'Battle of Hastings' competition. Achieved around 400 participants, and hoped that the event made more of the alternative sports provisions available in & around Hastings better known to the community.

Feedback from UKFF referee and Midlands Director Vladislav Tucek (quoted from email):
'Thank you for inviting to Hastings. I have spent lovely time there. You set up very high level for actions like this. It will be difficult to beat you. At the same time, I would like to congratulate you to your decision to help UKFF'

Feedback from Gina Rogers at Active Sussex (quoted from email): 'I think the event went really well and there were a fair number of spectators

Feedback from Graham Kendall, Secretary of Hammerhead Sharks Floorball Club (quoted from email): 'Thanks for organizing, lots of fun!'

Received excellent support from Active Sussex & through them the Community Games programme who supplied us with a kit box including bunting, certificates and stickers for children, t-shirts for volunteers, t-shirts to give away as prizes, and other banners & posters to decorate the venue.

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Photograph from Hastings Observer

(B) St Leonards Festival Foreshore Parade – Central St Leonards Town Team

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.

(C) Colour the Coast – St Michaels Hospice

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

(D) Mermaids on the Beach

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

(E) Hastings Fat Tuesday

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

Small Grants Round 3

(A) Young People's Gathering - GIZMO

Provide a safe centre for disadvantaged young people, to engage in 100 performing arts and drop in sessions, creating the opportunity to increase their potential by volunteering, training and development of social skills. Targeting young people and diverting them from anti-social behaviour, alcohol and drug misuse in 2013. Intervene to rehabilitate young offenders, raise self-esteem and improve their quality of life and re integration into their community. Engaging 20 beneficiaries for each session.

Case Study

A 15 year old who was playing truant has found strength and support from the activities and has stopped staying off school and is back on track. This young person is now one of the young volunteers and is happy to have achieved a 'C' grade in a recent Art examination and won a Hastings Youth Award for their contributions.

(B) Hastings Storytelling Festival

Develop new audiences.

Introduce high quality programmes.

Offer professional development for teachers, storytellers and artists.

Commission new outreach work to engage families in the children's centres, schools and community groups with parade activities.

Encourage participation in a new storytelling parade at the Stade.

Support from artists, teachers and staff to make costumes in 'fishy tales'.

Involve artists and audiences of diverse backgrounds (particularly lower social class and BME).

The grant was essential in helping to reach new audiences with a programme that appealed to a wider cross section of the community. The outreach programme reached schools, families and the Russian community who otherwise would not have participated. Employed local artist (Sarah Evans) to deliver 18 workshops across the town directly reaching 300 children.

Feedback from participant

Brilliant, loved it, I loved it very much and I want you to do it again

Another great event transformed the venue. Lovely to see a different crowd and acts from out of town.

Great story, my kids were totally engaged. Seating was appropriate and performers interacted fantastically with the kids. More like this please.

(C)Hospice Neighbours – St Michaels Hospice

Hospice Neighbours is a permanent community volunteer based scheme offering support to people with life limiting illnesses in their homes. It is currently available in Ore Village, Rye and Northiam but wished to offer this service throughout Hastings and St Leonards.

Volunteers undertake everyday tasks tailored to the client's needs. In order to offer this service throughout Hastings and St Leonards, the Hospice needed to recruit and train volunteers from within these areas

With this support have been able to raise the profile of the new Hospice Neighbours scheme to potential beneficiaries to the service and also to those wishing to offer their support on a voluntary basis. Since the funding was awarded have recruited 70 volunteers and provided the Hospice Neighbours service to 124 patients in Hastings & St Leonards.

The provision of polo shirts has added a greater level of professionalism to the service and ensured that the volunteer 'Neighbours' have felt valued and appreciated in their roles. They also have a practical use enabling Hospice Neighbours to protect their clothing whilst working (e.g. doing gardening) and makes them easily identifiable to clients especially when making their first visit.

Case Study

Hospice Neighbour 'S' supported an elderly lady 'J' for many months going in at weekends to provide company and make her lunch for her. After a few months 'J' died. 'S' had a break from being a Hospice Neighbour for a month or so and then felt ready to support someone else. This is often the pattern for Hospice Neighbours when their client dies. During this time 'S' had a dog who died. Her new client has a dog and 'S' provides support by walking the dog. The client and 'S' have agreed that 'S' will adopt the dog when the client dies. This arrangement has meant that the client is able to keep his beloved pet instead of having to give it up for rehoming at a time when the client is most vulnerable and is also comforted by the fact that he knows the dog will be well cared for after his death.

Feedback from the organisation

We are extremely grateful for the financial support granted to us by the Foreshore Trust Small Grants fund. We have successfully achieved our goals with this support and the funding has allowed us to offer our clients and dedicated volunteers a greatly improved service and increased awareness of the support we are able to provide to residents of Hastings and St Leonards. Thank You!

(D) Winter Festival of Cultures and Faiths - Hastings and District Interfaith Forum



(E)Hastings Chinese Association – Lion Dance



Foreshore Trust Events Grants Programme Round 1			
Project Number	Organisation	Project Name	Amount agreed
FT-E102	Claremont Studios CIC	ici et la - here and there	£1,987
FT-E103	Radiator Arts	Wish you were here	£1,945
FT-E104	Photo Hub Group	Stade Annual Open Photography Competition	£1,800
FT-E105	Hastings Borough Bonfire Society	HBBS Hastings Bonfire Celebration	£2,000
FT-E106	Gizmo Gaffe	Beach Live	£808
Total Approved			£8,540

Foreshore Trust Events Grants Programme Round 2			
Project Number	Organisation	Project Name and Aim	Amount agreed
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
Total approved			£26,242

Foreshore Trust Events Grants Programme Round 3			
Project Number	Organisation	Project Name & Aim	Amount agreed
FT301	Hastings and District Interfaith Forum	Winter Festivals of Cultures and Faiths	£1,000.00
FT302	FSN	Reach Out	£3,741.00
FT304	The Links Project	Here & Now - the Links Photography Project	£4,500.00
FT305	Gizmo	Young People's Gathering	£3,500.00
FT307	Park Road Toddler Group	Drusilla's Trip 2013	£400.00
FT309	The Snowflake Trust Ltd	Snowflake Night Shelter	£3,740.00
FT310	Hastings United Youth Football Club	Get Qualified Get Equipt	£1,750.00
FT311	Hastings & Rother Mediation Service	Replacement IT Equipment	£1,147.00
FT313	Hastings Chinese Association	Lion Dance & Traditional Lion Dance Training	£2,100.00

FT315	Hastings Storytelling Festival	Hastings Storytelling Festival 2013	£3,800.00
FT316	St Michael's Hospice	Hospice Neighbours	£2,500.00
FT317	Tempo Arts	The Space - 2&3	£4,866.00
FT318	CA1066	Volunteering Works	£5,000.00
Total Approved			£38,044.00