

## Clean and Safe Grants awarded in 2008/9

- Felpham Allotments and garden Society received £500 towards security and electricity for the site. This ongoing project has benefited approximately 90 plots and the local community.



- Angmering Youth Club



The Angmering Youth Group aimed to convert a double-decker bus into a mobile youth club/ meeting point to use (and share with other local youth groups). They received a £500 Clean and Safe grant towards purchasing equipment to convert the bus for its new use, including suitable catering equipment, seating and furnishings. It is staffed entirely by

volunteers and the members of the Angmering

youth group itself. The staffing will mainly be needed when the bus is fitted and running. The



project would provide a safe, supervised meeting point for the youth of the village and help to reduce the negative image of groups congregating at various points. It will help reduce littering and hopefully reduce crime by motivating the youth as it is their project and their bus.



- The Beach Town Action Group received £500 towards their project to develop Community artwork, decorating planters with mosaic images created through community workshops for local children. The children would use the garden creating an important sense of 'ownership' and empowerment through the involvement of the local community in all stages of development. The community initiative was supported by Ward Councillors, Officers from both Arun (parks & landscapes and cleansing) and Littlehampton Town Council, PCSOs from Sussex Police with additional help from EDF's corporate volunteer programme.

The area of land being developed was a fly tip and attracted anti-social behaviour. The visible effect on the surrounding area following the work done is expected to lead to an overall reduction in fly tipping and littering.

## Action group to transform grassland for all to enjoy

GRANTS totalling almost £15,000 will be used to turn a patch of Littlehampton grassland into a community garden, with the help of willing and able volunteers.

The Beach Town Action Group has secured the funding to transform the corner of Western Road and St Augustine Road into an "area of contemplation" by the summer.

Stephanie Bolt, chair of the group, said: "It will incorporate work by local artists and writers, young and old, and will celebrate our cultural heritage by reminding us that this is an area once favoured by poets such as Shelley and Coleridge.

"This is a community project, and anyone who wants to come forward and help should get in

contact."

Funding has come from four sources. The SITA Environmental Trust gave £9,999, and the Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee donated £4,000. Arun District Council's Clean and Safe Team, and Littlehampton Town Council gave £500 and £250 respectively.

Stephanie said the garden would have an oak notice board, which would display prose and poetry by residents.

"Hopefully, we will start a programme of commissioning work by local writers and artists. Everyone will have ownership."

Anyone wanting to get involved in the garden project should contact Stephanie, by e-mailing [beachtownaction@beachtownaction.org](mailto:beachtownaction@beachtownaction.org)

- Middleton-on-Sea Residents Association received £291 towards litter picking equipment for future clean up days on the Greensward and the beach, a Site of Nature Conservation Importance (2003). They were successful in their aim to improve the appearance and enjoyment of the Greensward, shoreline and beach and to bring together young and old volunteers to clean up the local environment, whilst encouraging residents and visitors to dispose of litter responsibly.
- Laburnum Grove School and the Trees Resident Association received £500 towards their joint project to set up a Community Garden with the help of volunteers from the local community including parents, grandparents, and residents of the Orchard Trees Residents committee. The area was run down, neglected and littered. This was turned into a garden to be shared by all. The project helped to forge very good relationship between members of local communities, especially the elders, with the young people. It gave the opportunity for young and old to work together in a friendly and caring partnership which will enhance respect between the generations within the estate. The attractive garden is helping children to learn about growing and eating healthy food.

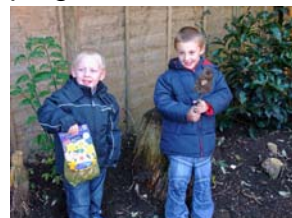


Yapton Parish Council received £500 towards flood lighting for the Arena Sports Enclosure on King George V Playing Field at Yapton, which comprises a basketball and hard play football area. It is already very popular and well used during the day time by young people in the area. The provision of lighting would extend its use as an **all-the-year** round facility. It would also provide a diversion and an alternative meeting venue for young people at night as there is seating available and picnic tables nearby. At present the youths tend to congregate at night in the adjacent children's play area (which is

already lit) and occasionally cause trouble.

- £295 was awarded to a new Environmental Improvement Scheme for Herne and Orchard Gardens area. It was hoped that once the improvements are in place the area would be maintained and cared for and should deter people from using the area for dropping litter or allowing dogs to foul the area and also to deter young people from congregating and drinking in the late evenings, resulting in an enhanced attractive environment.

The area has now been cleared, dug over and planted with shrubs and bulbs. The project has deterred fly-tipping and it has helped to bring together the local community from ages 3 to 80+!



- Aldwick Green Conservation Society received £250 towards new tools and equipment to maintain the footpaths and regularly litter pick in the area, mow the grass area, trim hedges and foliage. The group aims to promote conservation and encourage the local community to take an interest in their environment. They look after the shrubs and wildflowers and regularly plant new indigenous plants and bulbs.
- MIND received £500 towards the St Winefride's Road Garden Project, started in December 2008 to clear and restore the woodland/ garden area owned by ADC. This area has been a waste ground used for litter dumping for years. The project has produced a safe attractive environment for the local community to enjoy and has received praise from local residents. The project also enabled MIND members to be a part of the wider community.

