

News Release



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Local Groups Win Funding for Their Projects in Chandler's Ford

Every year the County Council redistributes a share of Taxpayers funding to support the work of a wide range of voluntary organisations across the County. Recently It devised a "Participatory Budget" scheme to allow local Councils and Community Forums, to identify and help the smallest "hard to reach" voluntary groups who work quietly on specific projects at the most local level.

The object of the scheme is to allow local communities themselves to hear about projects aimed at specific local needs being delivered by small groups of local volunteers and to vote on how much they might merit to receive from this share of taxpayers funding.

In Chandler's Ford, the Parish Council made a bid to organise the event for its Parish and won £5,000 from the County council for the local community to distribute at the event it held in a local Church Hall in the Parish on 18th June.

After an exciting evening, members from 17 local community groups described the projects they were working on and made their bids for a share of the of the cash to fund their special projects to support special needs of their local communities across Parish area. These ranged from a bid for funding for football kits for a group that was providing diversionary recreation activities for local youngsters, funding for outings to a garden centre for people with memory problems, healthy hearts activities etc., to funding for a defibrillator for community "First Responders" to be housed at a local community centre.

The winning bids were:

Velmore Football Club - £500.00 granted

Velmore Community Association - £500.00 granted

Chandler's Ford Street Pastors - £500.00 granted

Healthy Hearts - £500.00 granted

Eastleigh Memory Support - £500.00 granted

Chameleon Theatre Company - £541.16 granted

Hiltingbury Community Association - £1,198.80 granted

Solent Youth - £760.04 granted

Commenting on the event, Chairman of the Parish Council Margaret Atkinson said, "I was both moved and impressed on hearing about the wide range of activities local people give up so much of their own time for, in catering for the needs of others in our Parish community. It was a great privilege to be in a position to organise this event that allowed the local community itself to decide on the merits of these local projects and to decide on how much of the fund to award to these groups to enable them to achieve their aims."

Chairman: Cllr Margaret Atkinson

Parish Clerk: Steve Mursell