

Breaking Down the Barriers



Mark Carriline from Bury Council makes a presentation at the event



Delegates visiting displays and discussing the information



Fairbridge showcasing what they offer to young people



Delegates discuss common issues

Third sector organisations who work with children and young people showcased their services to public sector colleagues. Full story page 11

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Supported Volunteering Project

This is a new project which sees a partnership between B3SDA and Adult Care Services, Bury Council. The project will work with organisations to develop volunteer placements and provide support for disabled people to access the placements. See the full article on page 7

Providing Opportunity and Support for the Third Sector in

LIVE - it's for you



Welcome to our third edition of **LIVE**: the newsletter for and about the third sector in Bury. Third sector? - community, voluntary and faith groups, charities, cooperatives, social enterprises and mutuals.

In this edition there are articles showcasing organisations and groups from the third sector, there is also a section on volunteering looking at its value and how to be involved.

Centre pages are always about funding opportunities. Our training courses include Keeping Children Safe and Finding the Right Funding Mix. Check out our regular article on Life at the Top in the Children and Young People's section. Finally don't forget the back page which has all our contact details. We welcome feedback on the newsletter and if you want to put in an article contact us - back page.

What Do You Want From B3SDA?

During January B3SDA will be asking you to help us with developing our services. It will be in the form of a questionnaire and with the information we receive we can develop the services we can offer you in the future.

In the changing world we are now in, it is even more important for us to keep in touch with the needs of the organisations who use our services. Please look out for the questionnaire and get it back to us with your thoughts.



News from the Centre

Flagship Legislation

In December the government published a piece of flagship legislation, The Localism Bill. It is a large and wide-ranging bill which covers social housing reform, the decentralisation of power from central government to local authorities, and changes in the planning system. It also includes measures to support local empowerment.

The focus is the reform of the role of local authorities.

There are six decentralisation 'actions' for all government departments :

Lift the burden of democracy: Empower communities to do things their way: Increase local control of finance: Diversify the supply of public services: Open up government to public scrutiny: Strengthen accountability to local people.

For more information contact: Department of Communities and Local Government.

Website: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/localgovernment/pdf/1793908.pdf>

What is...?

Commissioning:

The government definition is: Commissioning is the cycle of assessing the needs of people in an area, designing and then achieving appropriate outcomes. The service may be delivered by the public, private or civil society sectors.

The Future Role of the Third Sector in Bury

Given the proposed changes nationally, B3SDA are attempting to provide the opportunities for the third sector to understand what is happening locally. We are planning an event which will allow third sector groups to meet the commissioners from Bury council and NHS Bury.

This is planned for 27th January 2011 – see the **Training and Events Sections on page 14 - 15**

Membership of B3SDA

At this time of uncertainty it is important that B3SDA has a large and involved membership. This helps us to get your voice and issues heard more effectively.

At present we have 50 full members and 280 associate members.

Join us today!



It's Easy to Join!

A full list of benefits, a registration form for joining our database, the criteria for becoming a full member and the full membership forms are downloadable on our website at www.b3sda.org.uk

Supporter Membership

Supporters are any individuals or public or private sector agencies that support B3SDA and are registered on our database.

Associate Membership

If you have filled in a B3SDA registration form and are a third sector organisation you will already be an associate member. This will entitle you to a number of free and discounted services.

Full Membership

Membership is currently free and full members receive a number of services, discounted and free which are not available to others. It also gives your organisation a real say in how B3SDA operates.

Bury Not Only Famous For Its Market The Fusilier Museum

The Fusilier Museum



Please ring 0161 763 8950 for more information on future museum events.

The museum was officially opened in 2009 by HRH The Duke of Kent. In its first year the museum has welcomed over 20,000 visitors.

The museum has recently developed an extensive education programme. One big success was a partnership project with Bury Art Gallery and four local primary schools – St.Maries, St.Josephs & St.Bedes, Tottington Primary, and St.John with St.Mark. Renaissance North West supported the museum with a £2000 grant to work with the four schools to develop sessions to support literacy.

An important part of the Museum's work are temporary exhibitions which cover a variety of Fusilier themes. From experiences in Northern Ireland to the present one which is based on the Bury Homefront during the second world war called 'Keep Calm & Carry On'.

Many events have taken place over the past 12 months. These have included holiday activities for children and 'Hands on History'. The latter is a programme of monthly informal talks given by Museum Officers. The museum has also taken part in Heritage Open Days, such as Armed Forces day which is a free entry day. Up and coming events include Family Fun days, Gallipoli Sunday Service and Spion Cop wreath laying.



This was our contribution for the 2010 Big Draw 'The National Campaign for Drawing'. Local artist Lynne Crawford led an all ages workshop. Drawings were based on various museum exhibits. They are mounted as a representation of the Victorian tiles found in the museum.

So well done to another successful third sector organisation in Bury

Everyday Adventure



Every week hundreds of young people (boys and girls aged 6-25) and adults across Bury embrace the adventure that is Scouting.

Think You Know Scouting? Think Again!



When you think of Scouts what is it that springs to mind? Knots, woggles, something about dibs and dobs? Well think again!



Climbing, archery, abseiling, high ropes, zorbing, sailing, camping, walking, expedition, kayaking, zip lines, lasers, karting and mountain biking are just a few of over 200 adventurous activities Scouts take part in!

Yes we do some pretty amazing things in Scouts, but for us, adventure is a way of life and not just an activity or expedition. Our Scouts grow in confidence by trying out new skills and stretching themselves. Whether it's a Beaver Scout spending a night away from home for the first time or a Scout leading their Patrol on an expedition or an Explorer attending a World Jamboree, each time we challenge ourselves it's a step forward. Working together and within communities to make a real difference here and now and for the future!

With all this in mind when will your Scouting adventure begin?

Whether you are a young person wanting to join the adventure or an adult looking to do something amazing, Scouting is for you!

The Scouting Association is a registered charity
For more information e-mail **Tim Allen** on: tallen8149@aim.com

Are you Skilled for Life?

Groundwork launches a new free programme

Unemployed people in Bury can now access free Skills for Life courses in numeracy, literacy and employability at the Groundwork offices in Radcliffe Town Centre.



Having successfully run courses in Rochdale, Oldham and Middleton the experienced tutors from Groundwork are now providing much needed support in Bury; with the intention to move the programme into Bolton in 2011.

Skills for Life is a programme for people who have been unemployed for three months or more and wish to obtain qualifications in employability and either numeracy or literacy. The course offers one-to-one tuition and individual learning plans to help the learners to achieve specific goals. Sessions are flexible, but learners must attend at least one session of 2.5 hours per week. By participating in the course, learners receive travel reimbursement and further incentives for completing the course.

A current participant on one of the courses commented

"It's been good since we've been coming here," says Jeanette from Radcliffe. "Skills for Life is something positive. It gives me structure and routine, stability and confidence."

For more information, contact 0161 624 1444 and ask to speak to the Employment Skills Programme (ESP) team.



GMVSS Market Space

Greater Manchester Voluntary Sector Support (GMVSS) Market Place is a new buying group to help voluntary, community, and faith groups in Greater Manchester to save money and time and to become greener.



Groups can request a free 'Cost Controller' expenditure audit – this is an easy way to help compare prices and see how much you can save. GMVCO (Greater Manchester Centre for Voluntary Organisations) accessed this service and Tanya Coutts, Operations Manager, says "thanks to the audit we are switching our stationery supplier to make a 20% saving".

The range of products and services offered will grow over time to according the needs of members, but at the moment it includes **insurance, I. T. support, stationery and consumables, telephone systems & calls, and utilities.**

Ladbrook have been selected to meet your insurance needs. We are now looking for preferred suppliers for audits / independent examinations, health and safety and HR advice and support.

Market Place also offers training and information on environmental issues and ethical shopping so you can make choices in tune with your social conscience. We can also support you to work more efficiently by improving negotiation skills, personal productivity etc.



Groups registering for free at www.gmvss.net/marketplace can access special offers on a range of goods and services. Our preferred supplies have all been approved and we are confident will offer you a great deal.



There is no obligation to buy or enter any kind of contract when you register and it only takes a few moments. Every group that joins is entered into a monthly prize draw to win a hamper full of eco goodies.

So far over 50 groups including B3SDA have benefited from GMVSS Market Place, why not have a look and see what savings you can make?

To register for Market Place please go to www.gmvss.net/marketplace or for more information call Morag Rose

Saving
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What's Your New Year's Resolution?

Is it to exercise more, help in your community, or help to improve your local environment? Well if so then you need to join the local Chesham Fold Green Gym.



Every Sunday 1:30 - 4pm local residents meet at Chesham Local Nature Reserve, Bury. They take part in a whole variety of activities from countryside walks to learning how to lay a hedge. It is a chance to make new friends, learn new skills and increase your fitness, all by coming along to the weekly Green Gym sessions.



Come along to the Chesham Local Nature Reserve to see the results of your hard work. New benches, rebuilt dry stone walls, paths that are less muddy and spaces full of colour are all examples of how your efforts are put to good use.

Visitors to the Nature Reserve and the woods have commented how good it is to see things happening.

Make a difference to yourself and your community.

For more information about the Chesham Fold Green Gym please contact; Jacqui Goggs, BANG Officer **0161 253 7764**, email; j.goggs@bury.gov.uk

Centre for Fun and Friendship

AGE Concern

The Jubilee Centre, at Mosley Avenue, Bury, is an indoor and outdoor activity centre for people aged 50 and over. The main emphasis of the Centre is on fun and friendship. Over 500 people attend the Centre per week and activities include yoga, dancing, art, Pilates, bowling, bingo, and rambling.

The new extension increases the space in the Chatterbox Cafe and a new reception area will provide a better service to people attending the activity classes.



There is a new room so we are able to run small activities and meetings. Changes to the toilets and entrances will greatly improve access for disabled people. The kitchen has been decorated and equipped with a new cooker and ventilation system and a new store room has been added. All of these changes will help us provide a better service in the future.

All Bury Live readers are invited to our **Annual General Meeting on 18th January at 2:00 p.m. to find out more about our work.**

We are now open Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm and would like to invite everyone, aged 50 and over to see the premises.

For more details, please phone **0161 763 9030** or see us on the web at www.ageconcernbury.org.uk

Silver Jubilee of CONTACT Community Care

A Halloween-themed event was held at the end of October, to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of CONTACT Community Care. CONTACT was set up in 1985 by local Bury MP Ivan Lewis and a small group of adults with learning disabilities, who wanted to be able to go out socially in the evenings with their friends. The charity has now been providing support to people across the Bury area for 25 years. Members and volunteers gathered at Our Lady of Grace church hall in Prestwich to celebrate their achievements with a celebratory buffet and disco.

The buffet for the event was paid for with money donated by Social Services' staff in memory of Kevin Fielding, who was murdered just before Christmas 2009. Kevin had been a long-standing and popular member of CONTACT.



The evening was enjoyed by all who attended, including members of partner organisations in Bury. Further assistance towards costs also came from the W.O. Street Foundation, and a total of £385 was raised for CONTACT's funds. CONTACT's work is currently funded by short-term grants from Bury Small Grants Fund and other Trusts, but the charity faces financial challenges, with no regular source of income beyond April 2011.



Contact offers adults with learning disabilities opportunities to go out in the evenings with friends, and develop a variety of leisure interests. They meet only in places which are open to all members of the public – restaurants, pubs, theatre etc. If you are interested in supporting their work in any way, please contact them on **0161 253 7024**.

Local Community are "Working Together" in Radcliffe

Big things have been happening in Radcliffe, as a result of local community and voluntary organisations working together with local public sector services.

Following on from the "Working Together" Bury Compact event held last May, some local community actions have developed from the partnership working that happened on the night. These have included: increased communication, better access to services and better co-operation. **On the ground it has resulted in:**

- Parks being kept tidier with the contribution of the Rotary Club of Radcliffe.
- Radcliffe Works, a recruitment and employment agency, is now open five days a week.
- The Abbey Close area has had some cleaner streets, tidied by young people, courtesy of Abbey Close Tenants and Residents Association working with Bury Youth Service.
- Young people who are offenders or at risk of becoming offenders getting a new direction in life with Shootbox and the Little Warriors Scholarship.

The Little Warriors Scholarship

The Compact is about good partnership working, but what can be achieved when good practice is brought down to local level?

The Little Warriors Scholarship is a prime example. It is run by Shootbox, a mixed martial arts academy based in part of an old factory on Wolsey St, Radcliffe. The scholarship provides an avenue for young people to get off the streets and avoid getting into trouble. It teaches self discipline and builds self confidence through study of the martial arts. Martine Fairclough runs the academy in her spare time. She attended the Compact event in May to link with the local antisocial behaviour and domestic violence teams. Since then the project has taken off.



Ambitious? Most certainly. The pictures below show before and after the academy was converted. This gives an idea of what is possible in a short space of time with people working together.



Before - The unconverted factory space

'Little Warriors Scholarship is already successfully helping a wider range of young people get involved in mixed martial arts. Participants are developing new skills, forging stronger relationships with members of their communities and developing better family relationships at home. The increase in confidence levels seen in the short time since the pilot began is encouraging'.

Not happy to rest on their laurels, the team of staff and volunteers running Shootbox now want to take over the rest of the 12,000 square foot factory and turn it into a community and business "hub".

"The concept is to create a high quality multi-functional space that will accommodate informal learning zones, catering businesses, social facilities such as youth clubs, community drop in zones, office units, internet, local TV and radio production, a music studio and a 'green screen' studio for a small local news television programme"

What do the young people say? Two comments from young people who attend the project:

"I have become fitter and lost weight. Thanks to this project I have become more confident in myself. This project is keeping me off the streets and keeping me out of trouble on weeknights"



"I've got fitter, getting in less trouble, helps my anger, thanks"

After- The factory space after the conversion

Making Volunteering Accessible To All

Supported Volunteering



My name is Sharon Walsh and I am the Supported Volunteering Worker for B3SDA. My project aims to increase volunteer opportunities available to disabled people in Bury. I work with organisations, supporting them to offer volunteering opportunities to people who are disabled. I also support disabled people in accessing these opportunities.

"Inclusive volunteering is easy to achieve if everyone in your organisation is committed to inclusion. Inclusive volunteering is part of the wider issue of equal opportunities and diversity within an organisation"....

Scope... 'The benefits of being inclusive'

Are you an organisation that can help?

There are so many benefits for your organisation. These include:

- Access to a diverse range of skills and talent
- Enhanced reputation as being a disability friendly organisation
- Improved morale in the organisation and a satisfaction of helping others
- Improved awareness of disability related issues

Are you someone who is disabled and wants to meet the challenge of volunteering?

What is volunteering?

This is when you choose to give your time and skills to benefit others without being paid for it. There is a whole range of different volunteering opportunities you can take part in.

Why get involved?

- Learn new skills and demonstrate capabilities
- Develop self awareness
- Increase confidence
- Participate in the life of an organisation and the wider community
- Meeting new people
- Try something new and have fun!

"Having benefited as a disabled person from others, this has motivated me to reciprocate. I have come to believe that life is a matter of give and take. I have experienced a real sense of team spirit."

Jessica Wild, primary school volunteer



The Supported Volunteering project is here to help and advise with any challenges you may encounter. If you would like to get involved in volunteering and feel that you need additional support to be able to do this, or if you are an organisation who would like to get involved please contact Sharon on 0161 797 1968 or email Sharon@b3sda.org.uk

Do you want to give something back to your Local Community? Parents & Grandparents Needed!

Home-Start

Support and friendship for families

Home-Start Bury is asking for everyday mums, dads, and grandparents to volunteer their time for a couple of hours each week. Home-Start Volunteers offer friendship and support to local families with young children who may be struggling to cope with situations such as post natal depression, disability, multiple births or becoming parents at a very young age.

Full training and support will be provided along with full out of pocket expenses. Additional training is provided on a rolling programme. Could you be an exciting and fun figure to play, read stories and offer valuable experience to a local family?



Next Training course is in Spring 2011

For further information please contact Kate/Pamela on 0161 763 6335 or email homestartbury@btconnect.com

Alternatively follow the link below to the website to find out more.

www.homestartbury.org

Funding the Future – B3SDA Annual General Meeting and Funding Day

B3SDA held their Annual General Meeting and Funding Day on 30th September 2010.

The event attracted a full house and featured the following:

- Interviews with funders from Tudor Trust, Community Foundation for Greater Manchester, Lloyds TSB Foundation, and Age of Opportunities.
- A presentation about what the “Big Society” and public spending cuts mean for the third sector.
- Information about what B3SDA has achieved over the last year.
- A chance to have a say on the future direction of B3SDA.



“well-run, and the interviews were great”.

“very useful and interesting”

“The AGM and funders day was excellent”

Delegates at the event

Why Funders Reject Applications

It is always helpful to be aware of the reasons why funders reject applications so you may avoid these pitfalls:

- Very few funders will make grants retrospectively - i.e. after the project has taken place. Bear in mind that they can take months to consider your application, so if you want to run a play scheme in the summer holidays, don't leave the applications until June, (even if you have money in the bank to 'lend' to the play scheme).
- The form is incomplete or illegible. All questions should be answered on the application form, (unless the form states they are optional), not just in other enclosed documents so the funders have to hunt for the information.
- The supporting documents are incomplete, inaccurate, out-of-date, and contradict the application form or are simply not enclosed.
- If match funding is required by the funder, which means securing money from other funders or other sources, it must be secured before a grant will be released.

- The applicant is not eligible because of its legal form, lack of charity status, size or geographical remit. Funders such as the Big Lottery Fund receive applications from organisations and individuals which they could not fund within their own rules.
- Applicants do not present their project clearly and concisely enough on the application form.
- The applicant fails to demonstrate that they meet the criteria. Many applications fall outside the funders' own criteria, (e.g. the BBC Children In Need Trust aims to benefit disadvantaged under 18s, but still receives many bids which don't show how their target group is disadvantaged).
- The budget is problematic and/or unconvincing financial management procedures. Are the figures realistic? Do they represent good value for money? Has the group handled similar sums before?
- Applications are made without monitoring and evaluation processes in place.

Strength in Numbers: Small Charities' Experiences of Working Together

A new Charity Commission research report has been published. It focuses on small charities' experiences of collaborating and explores the issues and challenges they face when doing so. It is based on a survey of 2,500 charities with incomes of £250,000 and below.

In response to the research, the Charity Commission is encouraging trustees of small charities to take the initiative by exploring the full range of opportunities for collaborative working and making contact with potential partners.

Its key findings are:

- Nearly half (45%) of charities surveyed said they had collaborated with at least one other charity over the past two years. The most common types were sharing ideas and information, joint fundraising and sharing equipment.
- The majority of collaborating charities reported benefits, ranging from maintaining or improving services, enhancing reputation, identifying cost reductions and increased access to funding opportunities.
- Of the charities that had collaborated with others 82% felt that it had been successful.
- Success tended to be driven by strong relationships, compatibility of mission and effective leadership, planning and communication.
- The main driver of collaboration was the presence of other charity partners in the local area with similar aims and objectives. Many charities were also motivated by a desire to improve services and reduce duplication.



The report can be downloaded for free from the Charity Commission's website http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/RSS/News/PR_RS24.aspx

Big Lottery Opens new Reaching Communities Programme



The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) has opened a new strand of the Reaching Communities Programme for England, which will invest an additional £75 million in rural and urban community-use buildings.

Voluntary and community organisations and town and parish councils may submit outline proposals for capital grants of between £100,000 and £500,000 towards projects with a total value of no more than £750,000.

BIG created the fund to turn existing facilities into buildings offering a wide range of activities for the benefit of a broad group of people in the community. Grants will be awarded for the renovation of any multi-purpose building currently used by communities, including memorial halls, community centres and village halls.

A list of eligibility criteria has now been published on BIG's website to allow interested organisations to assess their chances of success before submitting a proposal.



For further information and to apply, visit: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities.htm?regioncode=-uk&t...
Deadline: Applications are invited at any time and will be assessed on a monthly rolling basis