

## SAVO's PIVO:TAL newsletter highlights funding and procurement issues

THE LATEST edition of SAVO's PIVO:TAL newsletter highlights some of the current issues around funding and procurement between the voluntary and community sector and public sector partners.

Funding has always been the BIG issue for the voluntary and community sector and the current shift towards commissioning has had and will have an immense impact on our Sector. To equip the Sector in procurement, there are details of new training courses in the PIVO:TAL newsletter.

SAVO have recently run a series of meetings around the county to find out the key issues that impact on their members. They have published these findings into a 'State of the Sector' report which features in the newsletter. There are also some recent articles on the and community sector and public service delivery, giving different views on the subject. Representation is another key theme that SAVO is concentrating on this year and two reports have recently been published into how the sector is represented and engaged within Strategic Partnerships.

You can view the newsletter online by visiting [www.savco.co.uk](http://www.savco.co.uk) and clicking 'Tools for the VCS'. The newsletter is only available online but if you don't have access to a computer and would prefer a paper copy, please contact Laura Hack at SAVO on 01473 275197.

## The Local Infrastructure Partnership (LIP)

THE LIP is a group of representatives from the voluntary and community and the public sectors who work together on projects to help and support the voluntary sector and at the same time, address issues within our community

The group meets every two months to discuss relevant issues and generate ideas relevant to voluntary sector support. MAP's Partnership and Development Officer is the "Lead Partner" within the Mid Suffolk LIP and is responsible for taking forwarding and implementing many of the ideas that are generated by the LIP.

If you feel that you can contribute to the Mid Suffolk LIP and you'd like to get involved, please contact MAP.

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### Invitation to MAP AGM, 25th July

YOU ARE invited to attend the MAP AGM which will be held in the Old Library, Red Gables, Stowmarket on Wednesday 25th July, starting at midday. A light buffet will follow the meeting.

Please contact MAP by 17th July at the latest to let us know if you are able to attend, whether you will be

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## MAP to recruit new Partnership Officer

MAP WILL be welcoming a new Partnership and Development officer to the team in the coming weeks as a replacement for Daniel Harvey who has filled the post since October 2005.

Daniel is leaving MAP to take up the role of Public Services Manager at Stowmarket Town Council. He will remain in touch and hopes to strengthen working relationships between the Town Council and MAP.

## Please become a MAP member

Despite an increase in the number of groups we are in touch with and have helped, we still have a very disappointing number of members. It costs just £8 a year for a voluntary organisation to become a member and there are various benefits of doing so. Please visit our website [www.midsuffolkaction.co.uk](http://www.midsuffolkaction.co.uk) where you can find details of the benefits and an application form. If you'd prefer this information on paper, please let us know.

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## Information, services, activities.....

**INFORMATION TRAILER:** If your voluntary or community organisation are involved in an event or exhibition then you maybe interested in using the information trailer that Mid Suffolk District Council have made available to MAP. The trailer is kitted out with a DVD player, TV, projector and display panels. For more information and bookings, please contact Geoff Doggett on 01379 563510 or email [geoffdog@gmail.com](mailto:geoffdog@gmail.com).

**FREE IT SUPPORT SERVICE:** Need help sorting out a problem with a computer that you use for work for a voluntary or community group? If so, contact us and we can put you in touch with a team of ex-IT staff from Willis in Ipswich who can help free of charge (except for travel expenses).

**FUNDING SURGERY:** If you need advice on funding for your organisation, we are holding funding surgeries in the Old Library at Red Gables, Stowmarket on Monday 30th July and Wednesday 29th August. There are three one-hour slots available between 10am and 1pm on each day. Contact MAP to book.

**HOW YOU CAN RAISE MONEY FOR LOCAL CHARITIES:** MAP have an agreement with cleaning product manufacturers Anglian Chemicals whereby they will make an annual donation to MAP based on the amount of business that MAP generate for them. MAP will use this money to provide free services to MAP members. If you are interested in receiving a quote from Anglian Chemicals, please contact MAP.

**USE OUR FREE ONLINE EVENTS CALENDER!** If you want to gain a bit of free extra publicity for your events you can use our online calendar at [www.midsuffolkaction.co.uk](http://www.midsuffolkaction.co.uk). Click on "events calendar" and "add event" and then enter the details of your event. Once it is approved, the event will feature on the websites of five voluntary sector support organisations across Suffolk, including MAP's.

### **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM, RED GABLES GARDEN, 13TH JULY.**

Bring a picnic, blanket, chairs and, of course, a bottle of wine and enjoy a leisurely evening in the Red Gables garden in the company of Stonham Theatre Guild who will be performing "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Prices are £8 for adults (14 years and over), £5 for ages 5 to 13 and free for under 5s. Picnic from 7pm, Performance from 8pm. For tickets, please call David Kirk at the box office on 01449 710330.

**HOW CAN WE HELP?** We always want to here from voluntary and community groups about any problems or issues affecting them. We can usually help and if we can't we will normally be able to point you in the direction of someone who can. So if you need help with anything—from needing to borrow a laptop—to needing office accommodation to needing help attracting new members—please tell us.

## The Suffolk Foundation—dedicated to improving the quality of life in Suffolk

**THE SUFFOLK Foundation is a registered charity dedicated to improving the quality of life for the people of Suffolk.**

They are a grant giving organisation who support local community groups and projects which make a genuine difference to the lives of Suffolk people. They manage funds on behalf of individuals, companies, trusts and public agencies, acting as the vital link between local donors and local needs - connecting people who care with causes that matter.

The Suffolk Foundation is part of a worldwide charitable network. They aim to build a stronger community in Suffolk by making it easier to give and by supporting the real needs that exist in our communities.

### **For donors**

They make it easier and more satisfying for individuals and companies wishing to support community projects in their area by managing charitable funds set up on their behalf and in accordance with their wishes. Giving through the Foundation is simple, safe, tax efficient and cost effective.

### **For grant seekers**

Applying for a grant from The Suffolk Foundation is easy. They offer free advice and guidance and seek to make grants that will make a real difference to grassroot organisations throughout Suffolk.

### **Funds**

The Suffolk Foundation holds long term invested funds set up by donors that will help the community for years to come. You can nominate the Foundation to receive a legacy that will be held in your name forever. They are committed to giving donors the best possible service and funding projects that benefit the community.



A member of the community foundation network

### **Find out more**

You can find out more about the Suffolk Foundation by visiting [www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk](http://www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk), by calling 01394 610203 or email [general@suffolkfoundation.org.uk](mailto:general@suffolkfoundation.org.uk).

## Suffolk Carshare Scheme Launched

AS PART of Suffolk's commitment to reduce congestion and pollution, Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Chamber of Commerce and Suffolk ACRE are working together in association with *liftshare* on a new crashare scheme.

The scheme is based around a website, [www.suffolkcarshare.com](http://www.suffolkcarshare.com) and promotes all forms of transport. It's about maximising people's travel options whilst also reducing the number of cars on the roads, cutting pollution, saving money and protecting the environment.

It's free to use [www.suffolkcarshare.com](http://www.suffolkcarshare.com) and it has been built and designed for every possible user. Whether you are a driver/passenger or if you would simply be interested in finding an alternative to getting about and beating parking and congestion problems, then this is the site for you.

Registration is required in order that *liftshare* runs the scheme as safely as possible but this will only take a few minutes. *liftshare* guarantees that none of the details used in this process will be passed on to a third party without your consent.

**OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE AT RED GABLES:** IF YOUR voluntary or community organisation are looking for affordable office space in the Stowmarket area then look no further. We have a number of offices available at Red Gables at extremely competitive rates. If you want to know more, contact MAP and ask for Bob Edwards.

**MARQUEE AVAILABLE FOR HIRE:** IF YOU'RE planning summer events, MAP have a new marquee available which voluntary and community groups can use in the Red Gables garden for a very reasonable charge. Contact MAP if interested.

**OLD LIBRARY MEETING ROOM AVAILABLE FOR HIRE**  
OUR MEETING room at Red Gables, Stowmarket is available for hire at a cost of just £5.50 per hour for MAP Members and £6 per hour for non-members. The room is suitable for meetings of around 30 people and particular times when it tends to be available are Wednesdays, Fridays and weekends—although there are other pockets of availability. To book contact MAP.



## MAP helping campaign to promote Summer activities for young people

MAP HAVE been heavily involved in a new campaign called Active in Stow which is designed to promote Summer holiday activities for young people in and around the Stowmarket area.

The campaign arose following discussions at the Stowmarket Schools Cluster Steering Group. MAP have initiated the launch of a website—[www.activeinstow.org.uk](http://www.activeinstow.org.uk)—which enables activity providers to register details of their events online. This creates an events calendar so that young people can check out what is going on when and where.

If your organisation are involved in providing Summer activities for young people in and around Stowmarket, please register your organisation on the website and start adding your events now. It's free and there's every reason to do it as soon as possible because we will be handing paper copies of the calendar to every pupil in the area before the end of the summer term.

**MAP AGM—Continued from Page** requiring food and if you have any special dietary requirements.

Additional representatives from MAP member organisations are very welcome to attend the meeting.

The agenda will include reports from the Chair and the Partnership and Development Officer as well as a presentation of the annual accounts. We will also be electing new directors and therefore if you wish to nominate one please do so using the enclosed form. Signed nominations must reach the MAP office by 17<sup>th</sup> July.

It would be good to see as many people as possible at the AGM. As well as providing people with an update on the work of MAP, it will also provide a networking opportunity for voluntary and community groups.

Visit [www.midsuffolkaction.co.uk](http://www.midsuffolkaction.co.uk)



## Need volunteer drivers? Register your vacancies online

IN A bid boost our campaign to recruit more volunteer drivers in Suffolk, we have added a new facility onto the campaign website, [www.drivesuffolk.org.uk](http://www.drivesuffolk.org.uk).

There is now a section on the site where organisations requiring volunteer drivers can register specific vacancies. This will enable potential volunteers to see exactly what it is they will be volunteering for.

It has been suggested that campaign to date has been too generic and that people are unlikely to volunteer for something when they don't know the exact details. This new facility will help to address that problem and we will be working to promote the new tool over the coming months.

If your organisations needs volunteer drivers, please visit the website and register the details of the vacancy. It's quick and simple to use and it could be a very useful tool.



## StowFest 2007 a great success

THE INAURURAL StowFest event was a great success. It didn't rain, the bands were superb, people turned up in their thousands and a lot of charities benefited from the event. We are already thinking about StowFest 2008 so if you have any suggestions about how you think the event could be improved or if you want to help with next year's event, please email Stowmarket Town Council at [info@stowmarket.org](mailto:info@stowmarket.org) or call 01449 612060.

## Stowmarket Town Council's new grants scheme will benefit more groups

STOWMARKET Town Council has recently improved their grant award scheme to make it more accessible and enable more groups to benefit from grants.

The new scheme has been introduced following a review of the previous system. The £43,500 grants pot for 2007/08 will now be split into three categories in order to benefit a more diverse range of organisations and projects. These categories are:

- **Minor Grants:** There will be 50 Minor Grants of £200 which will be awarded for projects, running costs or events.
- **Ongoing Grants:** There will be three ongoing grants which will be awarded to groups who can demonstrate the need for fixed funding over a period of three years.
- **Major Grants:** Funds remaining following the allocation of the minor grants and the ongoing grants will be allocated to funding capital costs for equipment or large projects.

There is a team of people to run the grants scheme who will be on hand to assist groups with completing the improved application forms. The processing time for applications has been reduced so that groups will receive money more quickly.

For more information or to request an application form please contact Sarah Page on 01449 612060 or email [sarahp@stowmarket.org](mailto:sarahp@stowmarket.org).



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## REGISTER YOUR VOLUNTEER VACANCIES HERE

If your organisation needs volunteers you can register your volunteer vacancies with us free of charge. Our job is to match up volunteers with suitable volunteering vacancies. We advertise vacancies on the national website [www.do-it.org.uk](http://www.do-it.org.uk). Please drop in, email [volunteer.centre@optua.org.uk](mailto:volunteer.centre@optua.org.uk) or call 01449 612486.