



**HUMBERSIDE**  
**POLICE AUTHORITY**

# **PRESS INFORMATION**

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## **Community Groups receive £24,890 from Humberside Police Authority**

**Members of the Press are invited to a presentation at Humberside Police Authority, Pacific Exchange, 40 High Street, Hull, HU1 1PS, on 9<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30am, where there will be opportunities for photographs and interviews.**

Community Groups from across the area will gather at Humberside Police Authority to celebrate their achievements since being awarded funds by the Police Authority. The Chair of the Authority, Ms Alene Branton MBE, will present the group with a large cheque to mark the occasion. The funding is from the Police Property Act Fund, from which the Authority has distributed a total of £24,840 since December.

Under the Police (Disposal of Property) Regulations 1975, monies in the Police Property Fund are used to make payments to charitable causes as agreed by the Police Authority. This is money recovered by the Police Force which cannot be traced back to its rightful owner.

In order to be considered, projects asking for funding needed to be either based in Humberside or a national charity with a project working in the Humberside Police area. The organisation had to show that immediate funding for the project was required and be able to provide recently audited accounts alongside details of the project, which had to be connected with the reduction of crime and disorder or relate to community safety in some way.

Chair of the Police Authority, Ms Alene Branton MBE, said: "Helping organisations that seek to reduce crime using money that has come from criminal activities is a very judicious outcome. I'm pleased to see that we had a great many worthy applicants who met our criteria, and that we have been able to help so many excellent causes."

Trevor Thompson, Chief Officer of North East Lincolnshire Carelink which received £2500, said that the money had already been put to very good use. Thanking the Police Authority, he said: "The funding has allowed us to work with the local police at Grimsby to provide support to vulnerable witnesses and victims of crime through the purchase of specialist mobile phone technology. We are very grateful to the Authority for agreeing to help us."

The lucky recipients attending the presentation are:

**Bridwatch (Bridlington) – Awarded £3000**

Funding was awarded to support the Bridwatch "Reach Out Centre". Since May 2005 over 6,500 visitors have used the Centre which is a community drop-in spot. It is also used by community wardens for their twice-weekly clinics and Humberside Police when they hold a clinic in the area. PCSOs are also regular visitors working with "Reach Out Centre" workers to form and promote community watch groups.

**Community Anti-Bullying Project (Hull and East Riding) – Awarded £3000**

The aim of the project is the reduction of and prevention of bullying while promoting self worth in the individual. Last year over 12,000 children and young people accessed the services.

**Groves Neighbourhood Watch (Hull) – Awarded £1125**

Initiatives have reduced crime in their area by 30% but problems with car crime and anti-social behaviour persist. The group wished to purchase Vehicle Watch "25+" stickers and 250 tamperproof tax discs to give residents peace of mind when leaving their cars on the streets. They also wished to purchase 250 key ring torch alarms to provide additional reassurance particularly for elderly residents of the area.

**Lonsdale Community Centre (Hull) – Awarded £750**

This youth club has formerly run activities in partnership with police officers from the Community Cop Shop. It currently works in partnership with the local Anlaby Road community wardens. The aim of the funding is to provide arts and crafts activities for children and young people between the ages of five and 21. The clearly defined objective is to keep them off the streets, out of trouble and to provide a creative and diversionary activity.

**North East Lincolnshire Carelink – Awarded £2500**

This organisation supports vulnerable people particularly the elderly. They install alarm units for those who have been assessed as requiring community care and support, particularly for those who are over the age of 65 years. It works closely with the police to identify people who are vulnerable, for example people subject to domestic violence, witness intimidation or through age. Funding has been used to purchase alarm equipment.

**Reading Assistance Teaching Scheme (RATS) (Goole) - Awarded £500**

This organisation helps support young people in primary and secondary education at risk of disaffection, disengagement or disadvantage. Early intervention is offered for young people who are at risk of long term behavioural problems, school failure and social exclusion. They provide trained adult volunteers who are mentors for young people. The funding will be used to attract young people to become peer mentors within the community and to develop workshops which will feature drug awareness and anti-bullying.

**Riddings Drop In (Scunthorpe) – Awarded £1117**

This is a community-owned and managed action group that supports community members of all ages living on the Riddings estate of Scunthorpe. Funding was requested for a series of targeted workshops for children and young people with the objective of heightening good behaviour, increasing self-awareness and confidence and promoting good citizenship. The workshops will address such issues as drugs, sexual health, anti-social behaviour, being safe and an understanding of the local police and their role in supporting communities.

**Spring Bank Community Association (Hull) – Awarded £702**

This organisation is devoted to promoting the social welfare, recreation and improving the quality of life for residents in the area. The organisation needed a further CCTV camera to fill a missing link within its own community centre CCTV to cover an area which is experiencing major problems with street drinkers and drug dealers/ users.

**Tickton Recreation Ground – Awarded £2000**

The community of Tickton is suffering anti social behaviour and criminal damage around the village hall and sports field. The Police and Partners Community Forum and the Neighbourhood Action team have approved a plan to address this, which involves enclosing the area with fencing which will be erected in accordance with National Playing Fields guidelines. This will be particularly effective in denying access to motor vehicles from the children's play area and reduce demands for Police attendance. The funding was used for the installation of fencing and gates.

Other projects that have been helped by the Fund are:

**Get Hooked on Fishing (Hull) – Awarded £2000**

This project is aimed at juveniles who have been identified by the Police, Youth Offending Teams and schools as being at risk from crime. Since its inception in May 2007 over 2017 young people have been involved, truancy has reduced and no participants have gone on to offend. The funding was awarded to pay for replacement fishing equipment and to purchase a disabled toilet on their site.

**Grimsby & Cleethorpes District Scouts – Awarded £3000**

This organisation provides around 7,000 camping and activity sessions through the year and is used by many youth groups as well as scouts and guides. The funding was awarded for the purchase of mountain bikes and a low-ropes activity course.

**Haltemprice Skatepark Association – Awarded £2500**

This association is establishing a skatepark for young people in the Anlaby area. The object of the project is to provide an important positive sporting resource as well as a social meeting place for young people in an area lacking in places for youngsters to gather without causing a nuisance. The money is helping to fund two skate ramps.

**Lighthouse Project (Hull) – Awarded £2000**

The Project offers support to women to break the cycle of prostitution. It focuses on those in danger of behaving anti-socially and criminally or are victims of exploitation or abuse. The project includes a drop in centre in the form of a bus and offers support, health advice and refreshments. The use of the Lighthouse bus has resulted in 799 contacts in 2006. The funding was awarded to pay for running costs of the vehicle.

**North Ferriby Playing Fields Association – Awarded £646**

There have been persistent instances of large numbers of young people involved in under age drinking, drug taking/dealing and generally causing anti social behaviour around a disused tennis pavilion on the playing field to which they have now gained access. This activity disturbs residents and is affecting the community as a whole. In a partnership that includes the Parish Council, local Councillors, Neighbourhood Action Team and the Police, a plan to deal with this behaviour has been drawn up and includes removal of the derelict pavilion. The funding was requested to pay for the cost of its removal to help solve the problem.

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