

This has resulted in reduced truancy and no participants going on to offend. The Hull scheme, set up in May 2007, is the third most successful of twenty others in the country. The funding will be used to expand the scheme and pay for external activities for out of school groups, development work at the Brough site and to cover expenses such as replacement of stolen and broken equipment.

The Friendship at Home Scheme £1540

This Cleethorpes-based scheme helps reduce isolation and loneliness in older people in North East Lincolnshire. They meet the needs of approximately 90 older people offering a befriending service, social activities, safe advice and information, fitting of security devices and smoke alarms etc. They work closely with PCSOs, the Local Authority, Fire Service and other partners. The funding allows the association to continue to hire a social club for their weekly meetings and the on-going publication of their newsletter.

Crosby Community Association £3168

This association aims to tackle social exclusion, poverty and deprivation by ensuring people receive impartial advice on personal/family problems, debt/welfare benefit, completion of forms, disability advice, preparation and representation at tribunals etc.

The association also has a drop in centre. An alley way behind the premises has become a meeting place for prostitutes and clients and other anti-social behaviour and last year the centre suffered a break in and further attempts have occurred since. This funding will be put towards the provision of CCTV and a security lock in order to deter offenders and protect staff/volunteers.

Hull Anatolian Society £1814

The society operates a community centre based in the former Stepney Lane railway station, Beverley Rd, Hull. It seeks to advance education and provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for inhabitants of the Beverley Rd area. The old railway track running adjacent to their premises has historically suffered from use by drinkers, drug users and others engaged in anti-social activity. It has been the subject of repeated police attention but, none the less, continues to create problems for persons using the society's premises who feel intimidated by the presence of those engaged in anti-social activity. The society will use its funding to install CCTV to deter such behaviour and provide evidence the police and partners can use to carry out prosecution or enforcement activity.

Under the Police (Disposal of Property) Regulations 1975, monies in the Police Property Act Fund are used to make payments to charitable causes as agreed by the Police Authority. Money in the fund is collected from the proceeds of sale of property which has come into the possession of the Police and whose ownership cannot be traced.

Ms Alene Branton MBE, chair of the Authority, said that she was pleased to see the funding go to six very worthwhile charities.

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.

“We last awarded funding of this kind in 2007,” said Ms Branton. “Normally, we aim to do this on an annual basis, but we simply didn’t have enough funds in the pot to do it last year.

“This is because the type of goods that have been recovered are not suitable for resale – after all we can hardly sell on illegal substances!”

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