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6 local projects could win £100,000 in a new Dragons' Den style competition this autumn

On Thursday 12 November we are hosting, for the local voluntary sector, an evening of celebration and networking at the Corn Exchange, Newbury - **The Greenham Exchange**.

The evening will feature a keynote speech - **Challenges facing the voluntary sector** - by Debra Allcock Tyler, Chief Executive of the Directory for Social Change.

Debra has been CEO of the Directory of Social Change since 2001. She is a trustee of In-Kind Direct, a patron of the Charity Staff Foundation and Vice Chair of Governors of Whiteknights Primary School. She was a member of the Charity Commission's SORP Committee and is a Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures & Commerce. She is also a member of the Royal Institution and Liberty. She was the founder Chair of the Small Charities Coalition.

Debra is an internationally published author of several books and has spent many years working with the media, doing TV, radio, newspaper, magazine and internet features and interviews. She is a regular columnist for Third Sector magazine. She delivers many keynote speeches every year on topics ranging from the relationship between the state and charities to leadership and governance, and topical issues affecting the voluntary sector.

Greenham Common Trust is also offering **£100,000** to be distributed by a panel of judges across 6 projects on the night of **The Greenham Exchange** in **Pitch to the Panel**.

Charitable organisations in West Berkshire and North Hampshire have been applying to participate in **Pitch to the Panel**. 6 shortlisted applicants will be invited to present to both the panel and the audience at **The Greenham Exchange** and will also have the services of a mentor to help them prepare their pitch or consult on their project once funded.

On the night, while the panel is deliberating, members of the audience will be invited to vote via mobile phone for their preferred project. Each audience vote will represent an extra donation of £1, funded by Greenham Common Trust.

The public will also be able to vote for their favourite project online at **www.pitchtothepanel.com** from 15 October to 11 November. For each vote the Trust will also donate £1, up to a max of £10,000 across all the projects.

You can donate online to any of the projects via **www.findmeagrants.org**. The first £5,000 of public donations for each project will also be automatically match funded £ for £ by the Trust through its **Trust Top-Up** scheme.

Photos:

right: Some of the kinds of project you could vote for this autumn:

- 1 A community building
- 2 A conservation project
- 3 A vehicle for the disabled
- 4 A project for young people
- 5 Outings for the elderly
- 6 An arts event

All the projects illustrated have been previously funded by the Trust

below: Debra Allcock Tyler



www.pitchtothepanel.com

In West
Berkshire
Living
Paintings
supports 108
blind and
partially
sighted
people

£5,000 for Touch to See books for West Berkshire's visually impaired children and adults

Living Paintings publishes and distributes Touch to See books to blind and partially sighted people throughout the UK completely free, operating a nationwide Postal Library Service. In this way Living Paintings enables its clients to gain a feel for the visual world

In 2015 funding from the Trust has helped towards two areas of Living Paintings' work:

The Living Paintings Library Service

In West Berkshire Living Paintings support 108 blind and partially sighted people with their Library Service - 40 children and 68 adults. Each member, whether a visually impaired person, teacher, carer or organisation, receives as many Touch to See books as they wish from the extensive and growing postal library, at no cost to themselves.

In addition the pioneering Touch to See Book Club for both sighted and visually impaired people, based at the Newbury Corn Exchange, is now in its fifth successful year, and has helped build a template for the establishment of 100 other groups across the UK. These groups provide the great value of bringing both sighted and visually impaired people together to enjoy and share resources, and combat isolation for older blind and partially sighted people.

The Volunteer Development Project

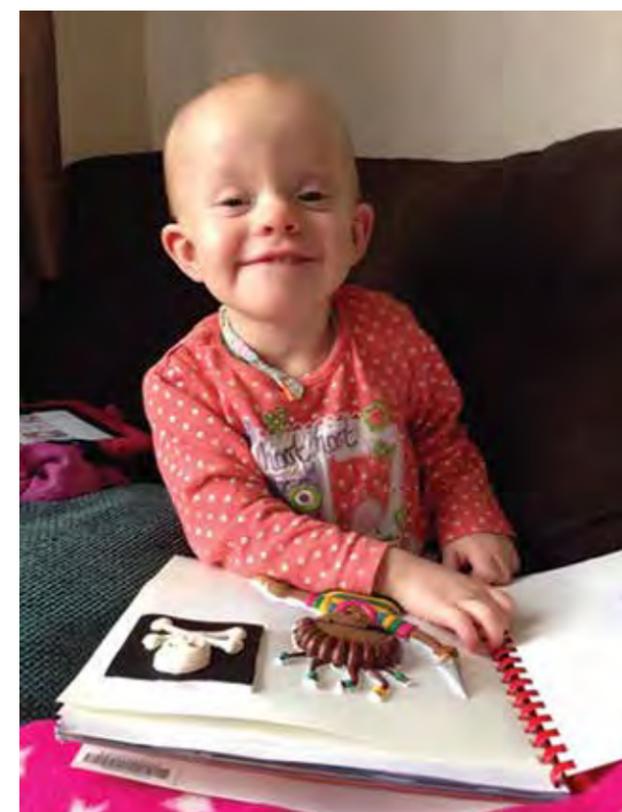
Volunteers fill vital roles in the operation of the charity, specifically the production of the Touch to See books, and the operation of the postal library. Living Paintings has a team of 280 active volunteers, 100 of whom live in West Berkshire and 40 who come regularly into the West Berkshire office to work. Volunteers contribute a breadth of knowledge, experience and skills that enhance the service, especially in areas such as paintings and carving master artworks which require great skill. The volunteer team includes people of all ages who are sighted and visually impaired, including a team of children and teenagers who test books prior to final production.

Last year almost 2,700 volunteer hours were recorded on site alone, not including those working in their own homes, or the numerous celebrities who also give their time for free. All these volunteers work with a full-time Volunteer Co-Ordinator, who oversees the programme, manages and develops inductions, training, monitoring, communication and the all-important thanks! The Volunteer Co-Ordinator is based in the office, meeting and greeting volunteers on a daily basis, building relationships, developing their skills with training and support, organising coffee mornings and an annual appreciation event

which keeps volunteers in the loop with staff and their activities, as well as providing a platform for questions and the opportunity to socialise.

The Development Project aims to improve the quality of this programme, gaining feedback and monitoring against key elements such as induction, on the job training, communication and appreciation.

As well as awarding a £3,300 reactive grant in its Spring 2015 grant round the Trust has also match funded a further £1,700 in grants to Living Paintings from Thatcham and Hungerford Town Councils via its online funding website www.findmeagrants.org.



Photos
Above:

Tayen rediscovering her
love of books after losing
her sight

Below: Louie enjoying a
Touch to See book

Right: Discovering the
Olympic Rings



£230,000 for Berkshire's first children's hospice



Alexander Devine was four when he was diagnosed with a brain tumour.

Fiona and John, Alexander's parents said: "Once given a diagnosis like this, about your child, the grieving process starts immediately, your whole world is consumed by hospital appointments, doctors, nurses, operations, treatments, scans, stays in hospitals, etc. You are on an emotional roller coaster that you have no control over and cannot get off."

Alexander endured four and half years of operations, treatments and therapy, before losing his fight for life at the age of eight.

In memory of Alexander his parents began a long battle to improve local support for children with life-limiting conditions, including the building of a dedicated children's hospice.

Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service currently provides a dedicated service for children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions, supporting the children and their families in their own homes, providing respite, emergency and end of life care, as well as sibling and bereavement support through The Alexander's Care Team.

The service currently supports over 70 children and their families, has taken over 54 direct referrals since November 2013, has provided over 830 hours of respite care and supported 8 children through to end of life.

In 2012 there were over 600 children in Berkshire with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions. There is a desperate need for a hospice to help both the children and their families.

The NHS acknowledge the need for a hospice to give flexibility to the family, who can decide whether to receive care at the hospice or at home.

Alexander Devine Service works with The Royal Berkshire Hospital. Both organisations can therefore provide a 'joined up' service, with a smooth transition of care from one professional to another. For families this means that time and emotional stress is reduced as they know that all parties fully understand their child's condition and the care and support that they need.

The new £5m Alexander Devine Children's Hospice, to be built at White Waltham near Maidenhead, will provide six bedrooms for children (aged 0-19 years) and overnight accommodation for parents. As well as all the necessary care facilities, there will also be a hydrotherapy pool, music and sensory rooms, games room, a Creative Learning Zone, and a large kitchen and dining area where families can socialise and eat together.

The new hospice will be open to families in spring 2017.

The Trust has pledged match funding of £230,000 towards the hospice on behalf of children from West Berkshire

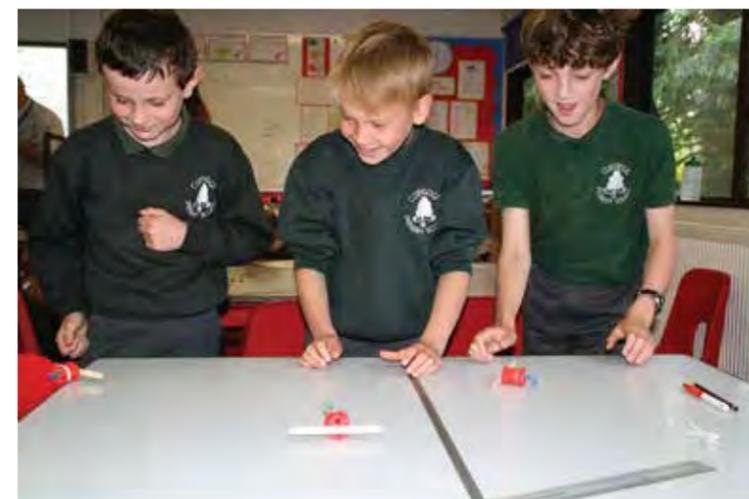
Images:

Architect's impressions of the new hospice



The Trust has helped over **1,000** local charitable and community organisations through its Reactive Grants scheme

The Trust awarded **£3,000** to the Education Business Partnership West Berks to host 2 scientific events for local schools



The Primary School Science Challenge

Scientists visited schools to inspire pupils by demonstrating fun experiments:

- Effects of pressure - expanding marshmallow in a vacuum
- Reaction between 2 chemicals - erupting volcano
- Measuring oxygen in the air
- The flash point of a gas - gas tin explosion
- Mixing oil and water
- Storing/releasing energy - making a moving cotton bobbin with elastic bands

Students then had to design and carry out their own experiment with the equipment provided and then create a step-by-step guide explaining the experiment. Each school then chose the best guide.

The Primary School Scientists then attended a 'Grand Final' hosted at The Organic Research Centre, and chose an overall winning team from Calcot Junior School.

After the event, in answers to 'How exciting do you think science is?' excitement among pupils had increased by **47%**.

Girls in High Tech Business

This programme was designed to motivate female students to consider careers within high technology organisations. Traditionally few girls consider entering these potentially well paid business sectors, even though they have the necessary skills and qualities.

Students were given 3 hands-on challenges delivered by 3 different high technology businesses, giving them the opportunity to experience the types of business roles that are available within the scientific field.

Trinity School was the pilot school for the programme. The 3 businesses involved were:

Vodafone – mobile telecommunications provider

An innovation challenge designed to get contributions from all within the team: in a 'no limits to creativity' environment, students had to consider what was good about technology, what was less good and then think about a product, solution, or fix that would make their lives better. They then had to present their ideas back to their peers using a mood board.

English Provender – food manufacturer

A real life business challenge based on understanding customer needs: through understanding the science behind food technology, using logic and mathematics and following a written process, to create a low fat salad dressing from a full fat recipe.

AWE - responsible for the design, manufacture and support of warheads for the United Kingdom's nuclear deterrent

A planning and design challenge: with a limited set of resources, to think through engineering principles and design a device that would catch a raw egg that was dropped from a height.

As a result of the programme, **71%** of the girls said that they would like more involvement with hi-tech businesses, with company visits and tours, and work experience being the most requested additional activities.

50% said that the programme had changed their thoughts about future career aspirations.



Photos

top: Primary school children learning how to store energy

bottom: Primary School Science Challenge winners, Calcot Junior School

right: Girls from Trinity School taking on a scientific challenge





£27,418 in CBIP funding from the Trust has helped stop Eastbury Village from flooding

Eastbury Village lies in the floodplain of the Lambourn River and has regularly suffered from bad flooding. The Trust's Community Buildings Improvement Programme (CBIP) match-funding grant has enabled a Flood Alleviation Scheme to be completed.

Liz Goodman, (Hon) Chair of the Eastbury Village Flood Prevention Association (EVFPA), said: "The result is just fantastic and beyond expectations. Not only have the Environment Agency (EA) delivered a flood scheme, but they have also implemented environmental enhancements, which have recreated a meandering chalk stream."

The new scheme has meant a reconfiguration of parts of the River Lambourn floodplain, with a small area lost under the footprint of a new embankment but an overall increase of wetted floodplain in a new storage area. The chalk stream is a habitat for water voles and other rare and specialist species and has, in the past, been artificially widened and straightened.

"This is a total win-win as it will benefit the wildlife as well as the community."

Liz Goodman
(Hon) Chair of the Eastbury Village
Flood Prevention Association

The flood alleviation scheme, which was delivered under the Government Partnership Scheme in conjunction with the EA, took three and a half years to deliver and required a £65,000 contribution from the community.

Liz added: "The scheme could not have been delivered without the incredible support of Greenham Common Trust, the Fred & Marjorie Sainsbury Charitable Trust, West Berkshire Council, Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee, Waitrose, and the community of Eastbury who enabled the money to be raised in a period of eight months."

"The land owner, Rooksnest Estate, was also just incredible and without all of the support we received we would not have been able to deliver this scheme, and we are truly appreciative and cannot thank them all enough."



Member of Parliament for Newbury, Richard Benyon, officially opened the new installation on 26th June 2015.

Liz Goodman added: "This is a legacy for many future generations and the team are very proud of this delivery.

"We are totally indebted to Greenham Common Trust, as without their help it would not have been possible for a small community like ours to achieve this amazing project."



The Trust has pledged over **£3.8 million** through its CBIP match-funding scheme to build, rebuild, rennovate or refurbish **110** local community buildings

Photos

top: the new installation from the air
inset: flooding in Eastbury in 2007

bottom: the recreated chalk stream
inset: Eastbury's residents congregate for the opening of their new flood prevention scheme

Large photos courtesy of AMCO Engineering, who built the installation.

Up to **65,000**
people of all
ages visit the
Royal County
of Berkshire
Show every
year.

£187,500 for a new building on Newbury Showground

Newbury & District Agricultural Society (NADAS) is a charity with the aim of promoting agriculture, horticulture, forestry and rural crafts, and also with educating the public.

Best known for organising the Royal County of Berkshire Show (RCBS) which makes a significant contribution to these purposes, NADAS also delivers an extensive education programme in schools throughout Berkshire, North Hampshire and South Oxfordshire, runs an annual ploughing match, a 'junior countryside day' and local farming competitions to promote best practice in the industry.

NADAS owns and operates the Newbury Showground. This 150+ acre site is in a prime location at the junction of the A34 and M4 and is home to the Society's offices. It has a network of internal roads but otherwise little by the way of permanent structure.

There has long been a desire to develop the infrastructure of the showground by erecting a permanent facility, primarily in which to show cattle over the weekend of the RCBS. Livestock are the centre of the show and in recent years over 500 head of cattle have been exhibited annually.

The new building will be 72m by 45m, steel framed and finished in Yorkshire cladding. There will be a 9m apron of hardstanding around the building for ease of unloading. There will also be a new lake which will both aid with management of rainwater run-off from the building and enhance the educational facilities of the site.



The new display building will:

- Offer better conditions to the key livestock exhibitors.
- Enhance the quality of experience for the public.
- Improve welfare for the animals and increase security, noting that some pedigree animals have considerable value.
- Mitigate and reduce the threat to the Show from poor weather conditions.

In addition to this central role during the RCBS, it is envisaged that the building will be available for use by NADAS year round for meetings and to support its education programmes. It will also create an additional income-generation stream as an enhanced facility for letting (within the constraints of planning conditions) in order to fund its own maintenance and running costs and further to support the charitable objectives.

The project includes an internal access road, which will extend the existing grid of roads on the Showground, ensuring efficient movement of vehicles off the highway and providing best possible access to the building for loading and unloading of livestock.



Photos
Above: Hot air balloons
begin their mass take-off
from Newbury Showground
during the Show

Below: Some of the 500
cattle being shown at the
Royal County of Berkshire
Show every year

Visit this year's
Show on 19th and
20th September



3 new buildings and 1 new business at Greenham Business Park

3 new buildings are being constructed on vacant land at the top of Albury Way, Greenham Business Park's west entrance.

Each building will be a steel framed structure with attractive profile steel cladding.

Amenities

- Constructed to very good rating for carbon footprint
- Ample on site car-parking with small secure yard
- Warehouse internal eaves height 7.2m, solid concrete floor, roller door access
- 3 phase power
- Gas supply to property
- Offices with suspended ceilings, carpet tiled flooring, perimeter trunking

Further information and specification are available upon request.

Building 35a will provide 3251 sq ft of warehouse/workshop space with ancillary offices.

Building 35b will provide 3509 sq ft of warehouse/workshop space with ancillary offices.

Building 37 will be a two storey fully fitted office building with 6,000 sq. ft of office space.

These buildings will be available for occupation early next year.

If you are interested please contact Paul Craggs on 01635 817444 or email paul@greenham-business-park.co.uk.

Building 36 has already been let to Codelocks Ltd as part of Greenham Common Trust's design and build programme – giving tenants the chance to move onto the park in a building that suits their specific occupational demands.

Codelocks, which has subsidiary offices in North America and Australia, is expanding its UK operations to meet the increasing demand for its range of easy-to-use access control products – sold directly through the company's website, by specialist trade retailers and via a network of distributors. As well as offering a better working environment for its existing employees, the new 5500 sq. ft. building will also enable the company to offer customers better facilities for support and training.

Managing Director, Grant Macdonald, said: "Thanks to the increasing popularity of our keyless digital locks, we needed to find bigger premises in the local area in order to better serve our growing customer base both here in the UK and abroad. On top of that are our plans to launch new product lines next year, so the need for more office and warehouse space was essential. The development opportunity at Greenham Business Park was perfect for our needs."

Mr Macdonald added: "The move will allow us to significantly ramp up our operations. Thanks to the increase in warehouse space, we'll be able to carry much more stock, the bespoke training area will allow us to offer more hands-on training courses, and we'll be able to provide more technical support services to customers."

Greenham Common Trust Chief Executive Chris Boulton said: "We are delighted to welcome another internationally renowned company to Greenham Business Park. We wish Codelocks well settling into their new home and a prosperous future at the park."

Codelocks, currently located at Castle Industrial Park, Kiln Road, is currently looking to recruit positions in its marketing and product solutions team. For more information visit www.codelocks.co.uk/careers or email careers@codelocks.co.uk



Images:
Artist's impressions of
the new buildings

Photo:
Work starts on
the vacant plot



Greenham Business Park is a community of around 150 businesses, from leading condiments manufacturer English Provender to car mechanics, from dog groomers to 3T RPD, one of Europe's leading rapid prototyping companies

The Trust's **£185,000** fund to help West Berkshire's young children make music was launched with a thrilling live concert



MUSIC BURSARY FUND



Photos:

Southern Sinfonia conductor, Simon Chalk, helps West Berkshire primary school children to appreciate, enjoy and participate in the world of live music



Greenham Common Trust has set up a Music Bursary Fund to give more 7 to 11 year old children in West Berkshire the chance to learn to play a musical instrument.

Funding is already available for the most disadvantaged children to support their learning to play, primarily from pupil premium funding. However there are many children who come from families where disposable funding for non-essentials is a problem although the family is not entitled to existing financial support. Greenham Common Trust has set up the Music Bursary Fund to help these young people.

Recent research suggests that regularly playing an instrument changes the shape and power of the brain and over time can improve cognitive skills. It is believed regular playing can sharpen the memory, and even raise the IQ by several points.

The teaching programme will be delivered by Berkshire Music Hub partners, Berkshire Maestros and Southern Sinfonia, to pupils selected by head teachers of West Berkshire's primary schools. The fund will cover both tuition and purchasing the stock of musical instruments required. All participants will be asked for feedback in order to make sure the service is meeting the needs of local children.

To launch the new Music Bursary Fund a free concert, funded by Greenham Common Trust, was given by Music Hub partner, Southern Sinfonia, at the Performing Arts Centre, Brockhurst and Marlston School.

This was a rare opportunity for primary school children to not only experience the sound of a live professional orchestra, but even, with the help of charismatic conductor Simon Chalk, to have a go at conducting one.

The pieces Southern Sinfonia played to thrill the young audience included the overture to Mozart's Marriage of Figaro, Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, Handel's Water Music, 'Let it Go' from Frozen and 'Palladio' by the recently knighted Welsh composer Karl Jenkins.

Chris Boulton, the Trust's chief executive, said: "This new bursary is a great example of the Trust's ethos, and how we can support talented children in our community, who might otherwise miss out on a life-enhancing experience."

You can see a video of the concert at www.greenham-common-trust.co.uk/what-we-do/education/music-bursary-fund.

Thank you to MWS Media, who filmed the live event.

Are you
aged 7 – 11?

Do you
want to play
a musical
instrument?

Ask your
head
teacher
about the
Music
Bursary
Fund.

