

# Coastal Communities Fund

**The Chancellor of the Exchequer and chief secretary to the treasury has announced the launch of a Coastal Communities Fund, which will support a wide range of projects.**

The multi-million-pound fund is designed to support the economic development of coastal communities and will be available on a bid basis. Examples of what communities can bid for include support for developing renewable energy, improving skills or environmental safeguarding or improvement.

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The Coastal Communities Fund will be financed by the government through the allocation of funding equivalent to 50% of the revenues from the Crown Estate's marine activities. In April 2012, there will be £23.7m available in the fund. The fund will be available on a bid basis and the Government

is in discussion with the Big Fund, part of the Big Lottery Fund, about the detailed terms on which they could deliver the funds to communities.

The Big Lottery's Big Fund has a wealth of experience and expertise in delivering funding and is well placed to distribute Coastal Communities Funding, on behalf of the Government.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne, said: “This new funding shows that the government is committed to supporting coastal communities and ensuring that they benefit from the revenue that our coasts and the Crown Estate produce. I know that coastal communities play a vital role in wellbeing of the whole country and I am glad that we can provide support for them through this new fund and ensure that they continue to benefit the whole of the UK.”

The fund will open for business in April 2012 and further details on how to apply to the fund will be published shortly.



Suffolk Foundation manages many different funds on behalf of its donors, and they are encouraging you to visit their website or speak to them if you are involved with a local charity or community group looking for funding. They currently seeking applications for the following funds:

Transforming Suffolk Community Fund

Next deadline: 12th September

The Suffolk Fund

Next deadline: 23rd September

Creating the Greenest County

Next deadline: 26th September

Improve & Prove Fund

Next deadline: 25th October

Suffolk Disability Care Fund

Next deadline: 19th November

Call Sue Wright 01473 734127 or Julie Rose on 01473 734123 to discuss your before you apply. [www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk](http://www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk)

# SCRN Network Lunch at Yoxford



Another very successful network lunch was held at Yoxford Village Hall on 18th July 2011. 47 delegates attended from a wide range of parishes and community organisations across the northern area of Suffolk Coastal. Presentations were from Suffolk ACRE, Volunteer Suffolk Coastal, Suffolk Foundation and Suffolk Coastal Resource Network.

As well as the presentations there was the free lunch and an opportunity for delegates to meet service providers and other community and voluntary groups in the area.

The next networking lunch will be held at Martlesham on Tuesday 4th October 2011. To book your place now call Chris Abraham 01473 275195 or email: [coastal@savo.co.uk](mailto:coastal@savo.co.uk)

## Make a Change: be a Change Maker

**My name is Alison Jordan and I have just started work at Suffolk Association of Voluntary Organisations (SAVO) as Campaign Co-ordinator for a new campaign called Change Makers.**

The aim of this pilot project is to provide support and guidance to local people who want to make a difference in their community but don't know where to start. My role is to support people who want to start something, make something better or put something right. For example, I can provide information, signposting and guidance on:

- setting up a group or club
- organising an activity

- helping other people in the neighbourhood
- learning new skills.

My very first Change Maker is a mother who wants to set up a playgroup in her village which currently doesn't have one. She knows other parents who would like to meet up so that their babies and toddlers can play together, while giving mums and carers a chance to socialise, but doesn't know where to start to set up a committee, hire a venue and seek funding for some toys. I can support her to achieve all this!

This is a one year project, funded through the Suffolk Coastal Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) and

supported by Suffolk Coastal Resources Network (SCRN). I need to recruit and support one hundred people in the Suffolk Coastal district to make positive changes in their community. Can you help me in finding them?

If you are able to publicise the project or know someone who might benefit from some support in getting a project started, contact me directly. I am here to help!

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# Suffolk

we are what we do 

**Suffolk has been chosen as the first county in Britain to trial an internet campaign called We Are What We Do Suffolk: [www.actiontracker.org.uk/location/suffolk](http://www.actiontracker.org.uk/location/suffolk) & [www.wearewhatwedo.org/suffolk](http://www.wearewhatwedo.org/suffolk)**

Based on the idea that many people doing small actions add up to big changes and that people of all generations can have fun doing nice things for each other in their communities, this campaign aims to make Suffolk a cleaner, greener, prettier and better place to live.

People, groups and organisations that sign up to the campaign record the good things they do, like recycling, baking a cake for a friend, or running a campaign and the site tots up their actions – over 4 million nationally so far!

It also provides a database of organisations (and the good acts they support), a Google map and enables folk to suggest campaigns of their own, which they can get help from the team to complete.

Within Suffolk Coastal we are signing up the various council teams in SCDC and Waveney to compete against one another, to see who can do the most nice and/or positive things based on the actions on the website. But we would like to work closely with communities and organisations within those communities, to get specific, concrete actions and campaigns

going at street level in Suffolk. Who knows better than the people who live and work in a community what things need doing and/or improving and what things would make your part of the county a better place to live in?

Therefore we want to encourage people to sign up, look round them and start local campaigns to improve where they live. When they do so we will try to help them;

- By attracting volunteers
- Providing expert help
- Providing publicity on the web and through more traditional methods
- Helping with organisation
- Helping with events
- Trying to find sources of funding, if required.

We Are What We Do Suffolk is about giving power and responsibility back to people, of all generations, in Suffolk, by showing them that their simple actions can make a difference, if people know about them.

Have a look at the website and let us know if there is some way we can help you.

Designed specifically for Suffolk the web pages are linked to a national website and campaign. The WAWWDS initiative is being coordinated locally by the Suffolk Association of Voluntary Organisations (SAVO).

Contact: Tony Mudd, campaign leader [tony.mudd@savo.co.uk](mailto:tony.mudd@savo.co.uk)



The Suffolk Congress is a dynamic and innovative response by the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) in Suffolk to the demands that the 'Big Society', localism and cuts in funding, will make on every person in Suffolk. By speaking together, we hope to enable VCS groups to make their voice heard more clearly at a time of real change and to influence changes in strategy and practice to enable community action to flourish in Suffolk. We would like to urge all VCS groups to sign up – we really are stronger together.

Membership is open to all and more details can be found on the Congress website [www.thesuffolkcongress.org.uk](http://www.thesuffolkcongress.org.uk), along with news of the recent meeting with Mark Bee, leader of Suffolk County Council and details of new pilot funding for support give to 'Our Place' projects.

## Free Practical Toolkits

Developed by SAVO as part of a BASIS Big Lottery Funded Project, these practical toolkits for voluntary organisations cover a range of topics, from starting and running an organisation, to the media, carrying out risk assessment and managing stress. The online tools allow you to download and tailor policies and procedures to suit your organisation.

It's FREE – all you need to do is sign up so we can monitor usage and gather feedback. Visit [www.practicaltoolkits.org.uk](http://www.practicaltoolkits.org.uk) to get started.

# New Caseworkers join SSAFA Forces Help Suffolk Coastal Division

SSAFA Forces Help has been serving the Armed Forces, The Ex-Service Community and their families for well over a 100 years and our work is as vital today as it has ever been.

## New Caseworkers

SSAFA Forces Help Suffolk Coastal Division was amongst the first branches in the country to be founded in 1886 and in the first 6 months of 2011 has recruited a further 4 new Caseworkers to our area. This means that Suffolk Coastal Division in 2011 is able to continue to fulfil the vision SSAFA founder Colonel James Gildea had 125 years ago.

## Assistance to more than 50,000

SSAFA Forces Help is the national charity committed to helping and supporting those who serve in our Armed Forces, those who used to serve, and the families of both. Each year, we provide a reliable, caring and trusted service to more than 50,000 people through a network of professionally trained staff and volunteers.

## How we can help

Suffolk Coastal SSAFA Forces Help has trained volunteers who can help with experienced, non-judgemental, friendly and



confidential advice, financial assistance for a wide range of needs, helping those entitled to apply for state and local benefits and war pensions or to review existing state pensions, seeking monetary support from civilian and service charities and benevolent funds, help in organising and funding home adaptations or special equipment for the disabled which cannot be obtained from statutory sources and practical and emotional support for those who are lonely, bereaved or ill.

## Volunteers Needed

### – Support offered

We are always looking for committed people who would like to be trained and to join our cadre of volunteers. More importantly, we would like to hear about anyone who you feel could perhaps benefit from SSAFA Forces Help support. In either case please contact James Kelly SSAFA Divisional Secretary, Suffolk Coastal on 07906 117067 or at james.kelly3@tesco.net

# Volunteer Ipswich Ambassadors

Volunteer Ipswich currently has over 200 volunteering vacancies which need to be filled. People in Ipswich and Suffolk Coastal are being sought to ask their local shops and services to help promote these opportunities.

Volunteer Ipswich produces monthly posters and menus, which give a flavour of the variety of different volunteering opportunities which are available in the Ipswich and Suffolk Coastal districts. They would like to get these distributed in as many places as possible so are looking for sociable people, who appreciate the value of volunteering, to ask their local shops and services if they would display the posters and menus.

Without volunteers, many local communities and charities are unable to carry out their services or run their events. Volunteering does not always require a long-term commitment, it could simply involve offering your time to a single event.

Can you help Volunteer Ipswich to promote these vacancies by asking your local shops and services? Then contact [volunteer@ipswich-cvs.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@ipswich-cvs.org.uk) or 01473 261116.

# Training Courses in Suffolk Coastal

The following courses are free and can be booked by contacting 01473 275191 or email [sue.stephens@savo.co.uk](mailto:sue.stephens@savo.co.uk)

**Suffolk Coastal  
Resource Network**

## Community Communications

The use of media in all its forms is a great way to engage people in your charity, organisation or project, but how do you actually go about it? This workshop can give you a taster of how to engage with the local press, produce quality marketing materials, take good photos and think about how social media such as Twitter and Facebook can be used to support what you do. The workshop can be tailored to your requirements and there will be an opportunity for some ongoing support if you need it.

**Tuesday 13th September 2011 - 9.30am – 12.30pm at Woodbridge**

## Measuring Outputs Outcomes and Impact

It is essential to monitor outputs and outcomes as well as prove the impact your charity, organisation or project has made on the community it serves. How do you know you have met your targets and how can you report your achievements back to trustees, funders and the wider community? Measuring impact helps identify and build on what you're doing well and so feeds into developing good practice.

**Wednesday 21st September 2011 - 9.30am – 12.30pm at Kesgrave**

## Project Planning

With increasing competition for funding there is a need to present your organisation in as professional a manner as possible and learn how to demonstrate the impact you are having in your community. A well thought-out and viable project plan can show funders that you have carefully thought through how you are going to utilise their money to best meet the needs within your community. You will receive a copy of our Project Planning Toolkit to take away and use as a checklist for your future projects.

**Tuesday 18th October 2011 9.30am–3.30pm at Stratford St Andrew**

## Writing a Good Funding Application

Understanding the basics of writing funding applications is vital to securing funds. This course will provide delegates with practical bid writing techniques, enabling them to produce focused proposals and increase their success rates. Gain hints and tips on what differentiates a good funding application from a poor one.

**Tuesday 1st November 2011 - 9.30am – 12.30pm at Saxmundham**

**For more information contact Chris Abraham, details on last page.**

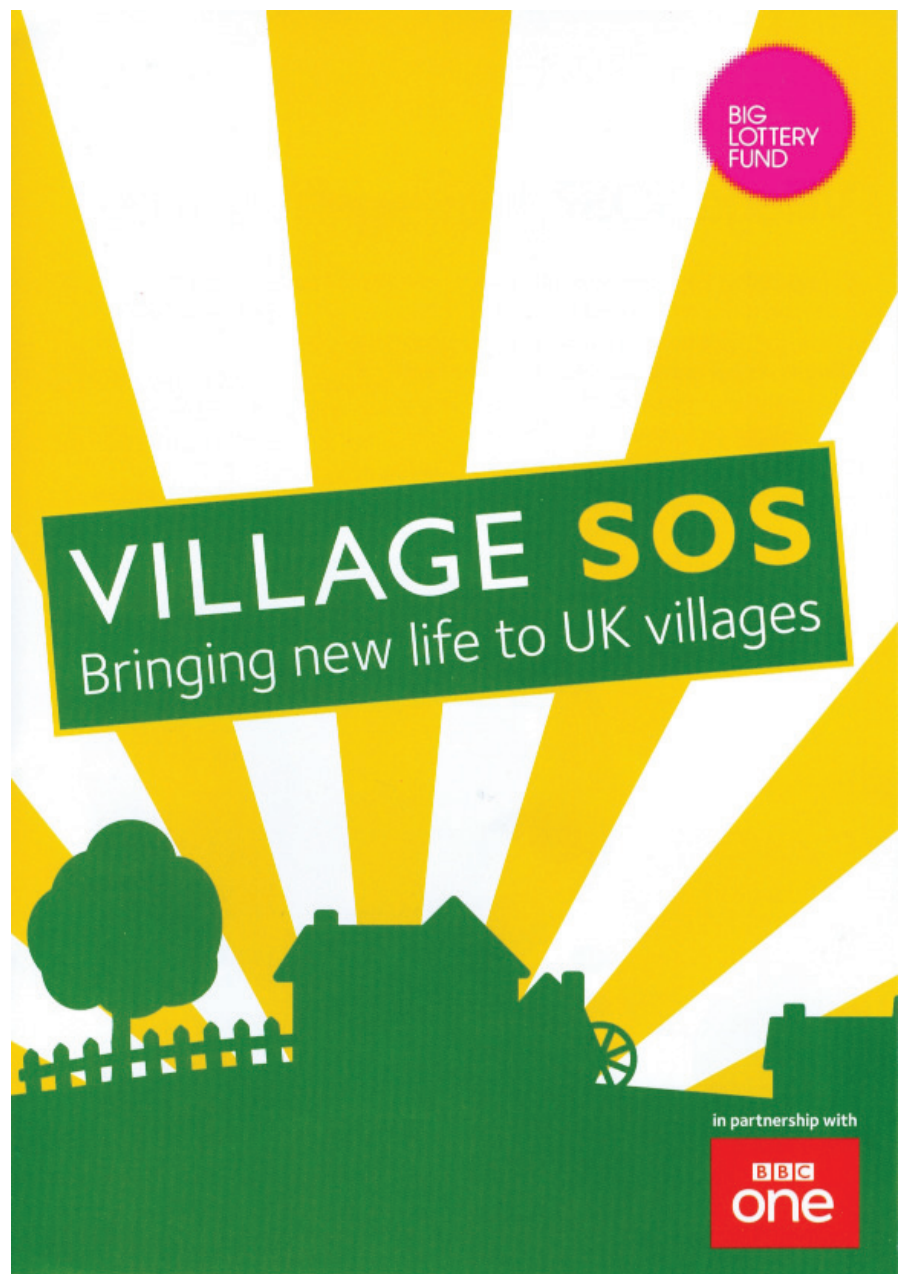
# Suffolk ACRE Supports Village SOS

**Suffolk ACRE is pleased to be part of a national partnership supporting the Village SOS Active campaign, shown recently for the first time on BBC television.**

The UK-wide Village SOS Active campaign, launched yesterday by the Big Lottery Fund (BIG) includes a £5m funding pot, that aims to inspire and equip people in rural communities to tackle local problems and help revive their local area.

They might restore and take over the local pub, create local food businesses or arts and heritage facilities, to attract visitors, create employment and rejuvenate their villages. The campaign launches alongside the Village SOS TV series which is shown on Wednesdays at 8pm on BBC ONE.

Villagesos.org.uk will direct people to the best source of advice for their community business, including more details about the Village SOS Active competition. The competition has £5m Lottery funding in awards of £10,000-£30,000 for the brightest ideas for new community enterprises that will make a lasting difference in rural communities with a population of fewer than 3,000.



As a partner in the campaign, Suffolk ACRE has vast experience in providing advice and grant finding with recent success stories coming from the Sproughton Community Shop and the Punch Bowl Pub at Battsford.

Dr Wil Gibson, Chief Executive of Suffolk ACRE said " This programme will give good profile to rural issues and will also be providing a welcome opportunity for new communities to be supported in undertaking new community enterprises".

Communities in Suffolk who are thinking of establishing enterprises or who have an interest in the Village SOS competition should contact Suffolk ACRE by email on [communityenterprisenow@suffolkacre.org.uk](mailto:communityenterprisenow@suffolkacre.org.uk)

Contact Barry Henson for more information:  
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01473 345300

# FREE Community Led Planning Workshop in September

Following 2 very successful workshops in June, Suffolk ACRE, in conjunction with SCRN, is organising another free workshop session open to all parishes in Suffolk Coastal who have either completed a parish/town plan or who are looking into the possibility of developing a local plan.

The event will be held on Wednesday 14th September at The Riverside Centre at Stratford St Andrew from 9.30am – 12.30pm with workshops on the following being offered:

- Getting it right – looking at aspects such as how to manage expectations, how to make sure you plan has weight, SMART actions, how to keep the committee going, sources of advice and support etc

- Community consultation methods – looking at a range of ways of connecting with people and which may be the most helpful to engage with your community.
- How to engage with various sections of the community – looking at the varying needs and interests of members of the community to enable them to participate fully in any consultation.
- Not the “same old people” – Looking at various aspects of community volunteering.
- Helping yourselves and the environment – Looking at aspects of community resilience in terms of energy, food, etc.

We will also be hearing from a parish about their experience of doing a plan and how the community has benefitted. This is an excellent opportunity to network with specialists able to help you with your issues and to share experiences with other parishes.



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The introductory speaker will be Alison Matthews who is Policy & Performance Manager at Suffolk Coastal & Waveney District Councils and who has a wealth of experience working with parishes in Suffolk Coastal.

Please contact Mrs Gillian Benjamin (Community Led Planning Officer at Suffolk ACRE) on 01473 345327 or via email [gillian.benjamin@suffolkacre.org.uk](mailto:gillian.benjamin@suffolkacre.org.uk) for further details and a booking form.

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**Make a difference**

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**×** **LOTS OF PEOPLE**  
**= BIG CHANGE**

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# Free funding and development surgeries

Suffolk Coastal Resource Network (SCRN) can help organisations with their development and run a number of one hour funding surgeries to meet organisations. Chris Abraham the VCS Coordinator for SCRN can help to identify potential sources of funding, as well as help to apply for it.

Chris can also work with you to health check your organisation to determine the needs and then support you in your development. If necessary you will be signposted to further and more in-depth support and training. There is a surgery running near you so why not book a session now.

**Tuesday 6th September 2011**  
9am – 1pm, Framlingham

**Tuesday 25th October 2011**  
9am – 1pm, Leiston

**Monday 26th September 2011**  
9am – 1pm, Felixstowe

**Monday 7th November 2011**  
9am – 1pm, Kesgrave

**Wednesday 12th October 2011**  
9am – 1pm, Woodbridge

**Tuesday 22nd November**  
9am – 1pm, Saxmundham

You need to book an appointment – call Chris Abraham 01473 275195 or [coastal@savo.co.uk](mailto:coastal@savo.co.uk)

## Do you have something to share?

SCRN would love to hear news from you and your organisation or group.

Whether it's an event you have coming up, a success story, funding you have received, projects you are running, or if you just want to tell us about yourselves!

We can include your information in this quarterly newsletter as well as publishing your stories on our new website:  
[www.scrn.co.uk](http://www.scrn.co.uk)

If you would like to submit anything, then contact SCRN; details can be found at the foot of this page. We look forward to hearing from you!

## Leiston and District Talking Newspaper

We send out a weekly Talking Newspaper, with news from the East Anglian Daily Times, and other articles, covering the area North to Southwold, South towards Woodbridge, and inland including Leiston, Saxmundham, Framlingham and through to Eye.

We are now moving over to digital recording, and will be providing very simple receiving machines to listeners. We are a small group, but hopefully bring in a friendly voice to homes each week. There is absolutely no charge, free equipment and free postage. If you are beginning to struggle with

newsprint, or know of anyone losing, or indeed have lost their sight, we would be so pleased to send you our Talking Newspaper.

If there is no reply, please do leave a message, and I will come back to you.

by Mrs Evelyn Rumsby  
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