

Sevenoaks District Council

Big Community Fund

Application form

- 1 Name of ward: Northern Ward
- 2 Name of Member: Cllr Paul Towell & Cllr Matthew Dickens
- 3 Name of delivery organisation: Sevenoaks Town Council

Address of delivery organisation: Town Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road,
SEVENOAKS TN13 3QG

Name of the main contact who will be accountable for the delivery of the project:
Linda Larter MBE

Telephone number of main contact: [REDACTED]

- 4 Description of Project:
Greatness recreation Ground - clearing of area of scrubland, installing outdoor gym
equipment and picnic tables.

- 5 Total project cost: £ 18,746.50

How will the money be spent?

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| Supply and installation of gym equipment (Appendix 1) | £14,782.00 |
| Picnic benches x 3 @ £389 (Appendix 2) | £ 1,167.00 |
| Installation of pathways, bases for benches, hire of equipment (Appendix 2) | £ 2,000.00 |
| Installation of signage (Appendix 3) | £ 600.00 |
| Planning application (Appendix 4) | £ 97.50 |
| Plan Production | £ 100.00 |

TOTAL £18,746.50

If the total cost exceeds the amount requested from Big Community Fund, please state
here how the remaining cost is to be met:

£15,000 grant from Ibstock Cory Environmental Trust
(Appendix 5)

Amount requested from the SDC Big Community fund:

£ 3,000

6 Your community

How have you been able to involve the local community in planning this project?

There is a working party for the development of Greatness Recreation Ground, membership includes - Greatness Residents Association, sevenoaks Town Council, Football Club, Hope Church (recently invited to join), Scouts Group (recently invited to join), Tarmac (recently invited to join).

During June 2013 a public consultation exercise was held via an on-line questionnaire and physical presence at two community events which took place at Greatness Recreation Ground.

7 What is the need for the project?

To enable local people who are not comfortable or able to afford accessing a traditional gym to be able to improve physical fitness and encourage people into the fresh air. The area of the park is currently a scrubland. This will revitalise it and create a new community space.

8 Long term benefits

Please comment on the lasting effects of the project:

- i) provision of community space
- ii) outdoor gym equipment
- iii) healthier residents

9 The impact of your project

How will you know whether the project has been a success?

Healthier residents.

Number of people using the facilities. Questionnaire at next community event.

10 Ongoing costs

If there is an on-going need for maintenance or management of the project, who will be responsible and how will this be funded?

Sevenoaks Town Council will insure and include in its Annual Revenue Maintenance Programme, approx cost £3000.00

The extent to which this project is in addition to usual maintenance arrangements and responsibilities that are more appropriately funded by the landowner, the delivery organisation or another agency.

Sevenoaks Town Council is the landowner and the delivery organisation working in partnership with the Residents Association.

11 **Supporting statement from the sponsoring Local Member:**

Cllr Towell and Cllr Dickens

[Redacted signature]

Signed (sponsoring Local Member)

12 **Agreement of other Local Members that they are happy with the proposed project:**

SIGN NAMES:

PRINT NAMES:

[Redacted signature]

..... (Local Member)

..... (Local Member)

13 **Declaration by project delivery organisation:**

I confirm that my organisation will be responsible for the grant and the delivery of the above project and any on-going maintenance or management. I confirm that the organisation has an equalities policy or has signed the attached District Council's Equality Statement.

[Redacted signature]

Signed Date 30.8.13

PRINT NAME:

Please remember to include the following documents with your application:

- A copy of the constitution of the delivery organisation
- A copy of the latest audited accounts of the delivery organisation
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EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES STATEMENT

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- ❖ Sexuality
- ❖ Age
- ❖ Physical or mental disability or mental health
- ❖ Political belief or religion
- ❖ Class
- ❖ Health status
- ❖ Employment status

Please note that if you have an Equal Opportunities Policy you may prefer to enclose a copy instead of signing the Equal Opportunities Statement.

I confirm that my organisation is committed to equal opportunities

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| Signed (on behalf of the organisation) |  |
| Designation: | Linda Larter MBE, Chief Executive/Town clerk |

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| Sevenoaks District Council Community Services Department | |
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- 1 Name of ward: PENSURST, FORDCOMBE & CHIDDINGSTONE
- 2 Name of Member: CLLR PADDY COOK
- 3 Name of delivery organisation: PENSURST PARISH COUNCIL
Address of delivery organisation: WINDMILL FARM, CHEVENING ROAD, CHIPSTEAD, SEVENOAKS, KENT TN13 2SA
Name of the main contact who will be accountable for the delivery of the project: MRS E M DIVALL
Telephone number of main contact: 01732 457541

4 **Description of Project:**

The purpose is to improve safety and well being in the Penshurst and Fordcombe communities by reducing excess traffic speed, by developing a reinvigorated, rethought and self-sustaining Speedwatch initiative:

The Strategy - The view from police and other parishes doing Speedwatch (e.g. Otford, Leigh) is that they only have any effect beyond traffic just slowing when drivers see Speedwatchers standing there, we operate 2-3 Speedwatches in a week across the Parish on a regular basis. It is good that people slow down whilst Speedwatch is at the roadside, but it is the possibility of getting "caught", which is the more powerful and longer term effect. That possibility is now amplified because data from across Kent has been co-ordinated since 2011 - thus a driver who speeds in Penshurst in the morning and elsewhere in Kent at another point will have the offences linked, with the ensuing letter being issued by the Police. Therefore in order to be a useful force it is necessary for a system in the Parish that can reasonably get as many watches occurring as possible.

A way to do this is:

- Get as many people trained as possible
- Get sites 'police approved' which people can be motivated to Speedwatch (eg close to the homes of people expressing interest etc)
- Develop small teams, based on those sites, who can arrange watches. Training is often available at Sevenoaks DC with the Parish Clerk being notified.

Sites Approved:

- New Road, Penshurst at the old bus lay-by
- Fordcombe Road at Glebelands
- Fordcombe Road at the Penshurst School (in school yard by gateway adjacent to the Warren)
- Penshurst to Leigh Road (B2176) in gateway opposite Doubleton Lane
- Rogues Hill
- Fordcombe Village Centre

Police photos/maps of each of these sites for exact identification are available on request. The use of approved sites is important and must be adhered to, to ensure insurance cover is valid.

Trained Speedwatchers:

Four Speedwatch training sessions have been held in the village and 22 people consequently signed up with the police, a record for a parish at the time.

Speed Indicator Device:

The availability of the interactive display is the main problem to overcome. This application is being made for funds for our interactive speed sign. We have for some time shared use of a unit owned by Bidborough Parish and shared by three villages.

Data Collection:

Date collected at Speedwatch checks will be collated by Cllr Andy Campbell for submission to the Police.

5 Total project cost: £ 1945.00 Plus VAT

How will the money be spent? The funds will cover the cost of the Dual Message Display unit as recommended for Parish Council use by Kent Speedwatch. (Mr Guy Rollinson, who leads the Country Speed Watch (CSW) Support Team.

If the total cost exceeds the amount requested from Big Community Fund, please state here how the remaining cost is to be met: N/A

Amount requested from the SDC Big Community fund:

£ £1945.00 Plus VAT

6 Your community

How have you been able to involve the local community in planning this project?

The Speedwatch is a standing item on the PC Agenda. Articles have been published in the Parish Magazine to recruit interest. Personal contacts have been developed. The Parents' Associations of both schools have been involved. Coffee mornings have been held and Training days organised as previously described.

7 What is the need for the project?

It is generally accepted in the villages of Penshurst & Fordcombe that traffic travels through at excessive speeds, the consequent impact this has on the two village schools is of great concern to the PC. This information has been obtained by use of the SID unit loaned by Bidborough PC.

A temporary interactive speed sign was put up on the Fordcombe Road in Penshurst for one month in 2010 reminding drivers of the speed limit and recording information about number of cars and their speeds along the stretch of road 24 hours per day between 27 August and 27 September.

Results summarised as follows:

- During daytime hours (approximately 8 am - 8pm) about 80 vehicles an hour travel along the Fordcombe Road towards the village, however, there are two peaks - the first from 7 am to 9am (when the figure reaches 150 vehicles per hour) and the second in later afternoon with between 90 - 100 vehicles per hour.
- Of all those cars, nearly 50% travel over the 30 MPH speed limit. Approximately 20% were over 36 MPH, with 5% travelling over 40MPH. These are probably underestimates of the usual situation, because of the slowing influence of the interactive sign.
- Maximum speeds during each hour period, between 6 am and 6 pm were mostly between 45 and 60 MPH.

8 **Long term benefits**

The strategy was developed to make Speed watching a sustainable exercise and not just dependent on the good will of a few people. The long term benefit will be to reduce traffic speed and thus enhance the quality of life and safety in the villages. To be able to have a dedicated unit for sole use of Penshurst would enable checks to be carried out at optimum times and when teams are available.

9 **The impact of your project**

The data return to the police following Speedwatches should demonstrate progressively fewer cars exceeding the speed limit

10 **Ongoing costs**

If there is an on-going need for maintenance or management of the project, who will be responsible and how will this be funded?


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The only ongoing costs would be annual calibration of the unit, approximate costs involved in this exercise is £70 Plus VAT. There might also be repairs to the unit if necessary and the cost of replacement batteries, the PC would budget for this in its precept calculations. We have investigated the options available for purchase, taking into consideration advice from Bidborough together with the experience we have gained from using their unit. We feel the chosen unit is a good quality, reliable unit suitable for our project.

We have proved by use of the mobile SID that speeding is a problem in both villages in the Parish. We have primary schools in both of the villages adjacent to roads which suffer from fast moving traffic. We have asked Kent Highways for assistance with our project to reduce the speed of vehicles and have obtained help to the degree that yellow lines have been installed near Fordcombe School and the SID has been sited at the approach road to the Penshurst School. In common with many parishes we find through traffic, particularly during the morning and evening 'rat runs' travels at speeds far in excess of those which would be considered safe for our parishioners. Although we have a great deal of support from our parishioners to run our Speedwatch scheme there has been no funding available for the purchase of the equipment, parishes are expected to find their own funds for this purpose.

11) Supporting statement from the sponsoring Local Member:

This is a most worthwhile cause, as we are plagued in our lanes by motorist who have no regard for our rural circumstances. The scheme is run by local volunteers for the local community. The Council's help would be much appreciated

Signed  (sponsoring local member)

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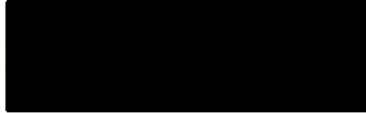
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Signed  Date 21.7.2013.

PRINT NAME:

E.M. DIVALL (MRS)

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Signed (on behalf of the organisation)

Designation:

PARISH CLERK