



Annandale & Eskdale  
Council for  
Voluntary Service

# AECVS News

May 2010

## THE HANDYVAN IS CHANGING .....



HandyVan has been in operation since 2004 and is our jewel in the crown. Stuart Maxwell, the HandyVan fitter, is quite simply the best man for the job and we receive glowing evaluations back on his work and easy manner.

Previously administered in partnership with Help the Aged HandyVan will now be delivering the **Small Repairs & Home Support Service** on behalf of Care & Repair and Dumfries & Galloway Council.

The criteria for the new service is that it is free for people who are a tenant of a private landlord or a home owner who are:-

60 or over

Registered disabled

Have learning difficulties or mental health problems

A victim of domestic abuse.

Working within the above criteria, the service can provide (for example):-

Door locks; door chains and spy holes

Window locks

Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors

Grab rails

Small repair jobs where there is a safety/security issue

Keysafes can be provided at a cost, but fitted free.

If you, or someone you know, meet the criteria and need the help of the service, please give Yvette a call on 01387 812014.

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## ANNANDALE & ESKDALE WARD FORUMS IN 2010

All start at 7.00 pm

### NORTH

Wednesday 23 June

Lockerbie Town Hall

### SOUTH

Thursday 19 August

McFarlan Hall, Clarencefield

### EAST AND ESKDALE - Local Community Councils

Eaglesfield, Waterbeck, Middlebie, Ecclefechan, Boreland

Tuesday 25 May

Ecclefechan Day Centre

Gretna, Springfield, Gretna Green, Kirkpatrick Fleming

Tuesday 6 July

Victoria Hall, Kirkpatrick Fleming

# FUNDING ... FUNDING ...FUNDING ... FUNDING ...

## Grants for green heating systems - a warm incentive .....

The Government are encouraging charities, including village halls, community centres and historic buildings to make use of grants that allow them to install low-carbon heating systems by offering a **50% free** incentive. Ground sourced heat pumps can cut energy costs by up to 60%. **50%** of the cost of installing one can be recovered.

Nugenn supply, install and maintain high performance renewable energy systems for heating, ventilation and cooling that answer our demand for a sustainable future.

Nugenn have full BRE MCS accreditation, which gives you the confidence that you are dealing with a fully approved company. For more information, log on to the Grants section on [www.nugenn.co.uk](http://www.nugenn.co.uk) or telephone 01768 861816.

## Community Food and Health's small grants scheme

The Community Food and Health Scotland (CFHS) announced their small grant scheme open for applications from 29 April 2010 and will close on 9 July 2010.

Grants from £500 to £4,000 are available to groups and agencies who would like to tackle one or more of the barriers to healthy eating, such as affordability or availability, and the negative impact of culture and lack of food skills.

For an application pack or more information, visit <http://www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk/funding/smallgrants.php#>.

## Ulverscroft Foundation

This scheme aims to benefit the visually impaired (blind and partially sighted). It provides grants to organisations that work to relieve, assist and improve the treatment and education of those suffering from defective eyesight. It also funds medical research and the provision of facilities for the treatment or alleviation of visually impaired people.

The deadline for applications is 30 June 2010, and for more information visit [www.foundation.ulverscroft.com/](http://www.foundation.ulverscroft.com/)

## Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland Restarts Grantmaking

Trustees of Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland, an independent organisation that is one of the leading charitable funders in Scotland, announced that the Foundation is to restart its grantmaking programmes. Initially, there will be £2m available to be disbursed before the end of 2010.

Speaking after the decision by Trustees to restart grantmaking programmes, Mary Craig OBE, Chief Executive of the Foundation, said:

"After all our recent difficulties, we are delighted to get back to the job in hand – supporting Scotland's hard-pressed charities. .... With our return to grantmaking, I feel the Foundation has turned a corner and can now get on with helping charities at a very difficult time."

Grant programmes are now open for applications. Awards are likely to be made in mid-summer.

For further information, please contact the Foundation on 0131 444 4020.

## Strengthen your business

This is a useful online business development resource by Scottish Enterprise - equally accessible to social enterprises and third sector enterprises as to any other kind of business. You need to register but the services are free of charge to users.

[www.strengthenyourbusiness.com](http://www.strengthenyourbusiness.com)

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## Young people leaving care and individuals with dementia targeted with new funding

The BIG Lottery Fund has announced a new £50 million Lottery investment in Scotland that will help to transform the life chances of young people leaving care and fundamentally improve the lives of older people with dementia and their carers.

It is the Big Lottery Fund's intention to invest £50 million of new funding to tackle these key issues which challenge the lives of thousands of Scots, their families and communities across the country. Full details of the announcement can be found at [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/scotland.htm](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/scotland.htm)

## INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES

After a gap in its main funding programmes the [BIG Lottery Fund Scotland](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/scotland.htm) has announced that it will launch new **Investing in Communities** programmes on 30th June 2010. Around **£350 million** will be available for 2010-2015. This is more than was expected due to a rise in lottery tickets sales and revised financial forecasting by the BIG Lottery Fund.

Investing in Communities will have three familiar investment areas, a new Growing Community Assets programme, Life Transitions and Supporting 21<sup>st</sup> Century Life. The primary focus will be tackling need, and in particular, addressing inequalities. There will be more defined outcomes and a clearer two stage application process. They also intend to incorporate development support and possibly, development funding into the application process.

[Investing in Ideas](#) is still open and will be re-launched to coincide with the new Investing in Communities programmes.

Other current Scotland programmes are [Awards for All Scotland](#) and [2014 Communities](#).

An additional £50 million will address supporting people with dementia and their carers, and supporting young people who are leaving the care system. This will not be an open programme but will involve the BLF working with stakeholders to identify projects.

## INFORMATION AND WHAT'S ON

### Scottish Government announces changes to charity accounting

The Scottish Government has announced its intended changes to the charity accounting regime which is currently applicable to Scottish charities. Many of the changes are very simple, whilst others seek to make it easier to interpret the requirements of the current regulations. Some changes do have a more significant impact on charities of a certain size and legal form and are being made to try to reduce the burden of regulation on smaller charities in particular.

**Changes do not take effect until 1 April 2011. Therefore, charity trustees should continue to follow and comply with the existing regime for charity accounts under the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. In short:-**

- ◇ Under the 2006 Regulations, the threshold for the preparation of accruals accounts for non-company charities is set at £100,000. The 2010 Regulations will increase this threshold to £250,000.
- ◇ The current financial thresholds for mandatory audit of charity accounts are £500,000 gross income and £2.8million gross assets. In the 2010 Regulations, the asset threshold will increase to £3.26million in line with the threshold applicable to companies under company law. The gross income threshold remains unchanged in this context.
- ◇ There will be some changes to a small number of existing definitions within the 2006 Regulations (gross income, permanent endowment funds & expendable endowment funds) as well as two new definitions for liabilities and contingent liabilities that will hopefully assist in the preparation of receipts and payments accounts.

OSCR has published some brief information to provide advance notice and to explain the most significant changes to charities. To view these visit: [www.oscr.org.uk](http://www.oscr.org.uk).

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### "Your Call"

Scotland's **free** telephone counselling service for disabled people by disabled people.

Your Call is available to disabled people who are resident in Scotland and are 18 years of age or over. The service will also work with adult family members who are resident with a disabled person. It is a telephone service only, and by appointment. It is aimed to offer a first appointment within 10 working days, and your initial appointment will last up to 50 minutes.

The professionally qualified disabled volunteer counsellors know what it means to live as a disabled person in Scotland, so are experienced in helping people from many different backgrounds with a wide range of personal issues.

You can contact Your Call by 'phoning the Appointment Line **0808 801 03 62**, Mon & Tues 11.00-3.00, or Wednesday 11.00 - 1.00. Calls are free from home phones and *most* mobile networks; and will not appear on your bill.

### Living Life to the Full Interactive

This is an online programme that uses an evidence-based cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT) approach that has been shown to be a very effective treatment for depression and anxiety. It is delivered through an interactive website with additional support offered by a support officer. As a person works through the course they will be offered 6 telephone support sessions.

You can find out more on website:-

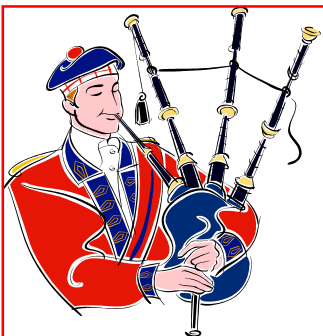
[www.daslltffi.co.uk](http://www.daslltffi.co.uk). There is a short video overview of the course and an option to trial the first half of Session 1 to help you decide if it is for you. You can also contact direct on **0845 123 23 20**. The project is funded by the Scottish Government and will run until March 2011. There is no cost to participate in the course.

### CITIZEN LEADERSHIP

The Citizen Leadership idea, created by a group of people who use health and social services and carers, is that it is not just professionals who can make change happen – people who use services and carers can be leaders too! It could be a person or organisation who is working to influence the people who make decisions about services so that positive change can take place.

The Scottish Consortium for Learning Disability is running the project, which is aimed at **anyone** who uses services or cares for someone. They are to create a Citizen Leadership Gallery which will be accessible on the website, so if you or your organisation are doing something which sounds like Citizen Leadership, they would like to hear from you. To know more, log on to:

[www.sclld.org.uk](http://www.sclld.org.uk) and search for Citizen Leadership.



### British Pipe Band Championships - ANNAN

Annan will host the British Pipe Band Championships in 2010, 2011 and 2012, with the first of these being held on **Saturday 26 June 2010**. The last time they were held in Annan was nearly 20 years ago! It's expected that around 8,000 people will attend the championships each year, which can only be good for the Annan economy.

**Go along - have a great day out. [www.annanchampionships.co.uk](http://www.annanchampionships.co.uk)**

### Green Communities

The Green Communities programme from the Energy Saving Trust aims to support, facilitate and promote community based energy projects. From training and advice focused on project planning and funding, to technical support and a website packed with resources—Green Communities exists to help you make a success of your ideas and projects.

To join Green Communities and let them help you create a successful carbon cutting energy project, visit:

[energysavingtrust.org.uk/community](http://energysavingtrust.org.uk/community) or call 0844 848 0077.

