



Annandale & Eskdale  
Council for  
Voluntary Service

# AECVS News

November 2009

## NEW MANAGER APPOINTED

We are delighted to announce the appointment of our new Manager - Cara Gillespie. Cara brings a wealth of experience and knowledge of the voluntary sector, community development and planning. She is looking forward to working in Annandale & Eskdale and getting to know the organisations. We wish Cara every success in her new post.

## DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY SINGLE INTERFACE

AECVS has formed a new partnership with Nithsdale CVS, Stewartry CVS and Volunteer Action. Together, we hope to become the key sector body working with the Council and other statutory bodies. We have left the D&G Federation of CVS as we no longer feel this is the best way to represent our members at regional level.

We'll be writing to our members soon to explain the background to this decision and also bringing it to the next 3SF meeting in January. We look forward to hearing your views.



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## COMPANIES ACT 2006

### Final Implementation on 1st October 2009

The Companies Act 2006 reached the final stage of implementation on 1st October 2009. These changes affect every company.

The main changes are listed below and can be viewed, with a small explanatory paragraph, on Companies House website:- [www.companieshouse.gov.uk](http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk)

[Directors' addresses protected from disclosure](#)

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[Dealing with us online](#)

[Protecting your company from hijack](#)

[Important tips for companies to make the transition to the new Act a smooth one](#)



*AECVS wish all our membership a  
Very Merry Christmas and Happy  
and Prosperous New Year*

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

### **BT Community Connections**

This is an award scheme which enables community and charitable groups to get online and make use of information and communication technology. Groups can apply for a laptop and a year's free broadband connection. To find out more simply log on to [www.btcommunityconnections.com](http://www.btcommunityconnections.com) If you don't have access to the internet call 0845 257 6792 for an application form.

Applications must be submitted prior to:-  
5th January 2010 (Postal applications)  
7th January 2010 (Online applications)

### **Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards (UK) ....**

provides one-off donations of between £500 and £4000. The funding it gives goes towards providing practical benefits such as equipment and resources for projects that directly benefit children, the elderly and adults and children with disabilities, living in the local communities around our stores in the UK. There are two categories of Community Awards:

- Grants to support children's welfare and/or children's educations (including special needs schools)
- Grants to support elderly people and/or adults and children with disabilities.

The grants programme for children's welfare will be open for applications from 1st December 2009 — 31st January 2010 and the grants programme for elderly people and/or adults and children with disabilities will open from 1st February — 31st March 2010.

For more information: [www.tescopl.com](http://www.tescopl.com)

### **Funding to support Regional Events (Scotland) - Event Scotland**

launched the new national events strategy - Scotland: The Perfect Stage. Through the programme funding is available to support events (outside of the cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow) that showcase Scotland and help to generate tourism. The next funding application date is 5th February 2010 for events which take place between 1st September 2010 to 31st August 2011. For more information, contact: [www.eventscotland.org](http://www.eventscotland.org)

### **The Frank Buttle Trust—Child Support Scheme (UK)**

Social workers, health visitors and support workers working for a statutory agency or voluntary organisation can apply for funding through this trust to help children and young people in desperate need. The item (or service) to be funded should be critical to the well-being of the child/young person, and items that are merely desirable rather than essential, will not be eligible for support. Grants available provide necessities such as beds, bedding, essential items of furniture, household equipment. The trust also has an arrangement with Comet for washing machines, cookers, fridges and other white goods .

Applications can be submitted at any time  
[www.buttletrust.org](http://www.buttletrust.org)

### **Historic Scotland Building Repair Grants (Scotland)**

Financial help is available to owners to meet the cost of high-quality traditional materials and specialist craftsman to conserve original features in buildings of special architectural or historic interest. In return owners must insure and maintain the building and allow some access to visitors. Applicants must be organisations or individuals who have a legal responsibility for the repair of a historic building. They will normally need to own the building or hold a full repairing lease, which has at least 21 years to run. The building must be of sufficient outstanding architectural or historic interest, must be at serious risk from neglect or repair and a need for grant for repairs to be undertaken must be demonstrated. Grants awarded range from £10,000 to £500,000. The next closing date for applications is the 31st January 2010.

[www.historic-scotland.gov.uk](http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk)

**Youth Scotland** has announced that grants of up to £2000 are available for projects and initiatives across Scotland to increase physical activity levels among girls and young women. The funding is available to groups working with girls and young women aged 12-18 years who are not currently taking part in physical activities. Only activities outwith the school curriculum are funded.

The current application deadline is 1st December with the next one being 1st March 2010.  
[www.youthscotland.org.uk](http://www.youthscotland.org.uk)

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### OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH SPORTS PROGRAMME

Registered charities that wish to support sporting activities or projects which provide opportunities for people who are disabled or otherwise disadvantaged to fulfil their potential and to develop other personal and life skills can apply for funding through the Peter Harrison Foundation "Opportunities through Sports" programme.

Grants will often be "one off" grants for capital projects. The Foundation will, however, also consider revenue funding for a new project, or if funding is key to the continuing success or survival of an established project. Recent projects supported through the programme include a £30,000 grant to the Swadlands School to enable the school to reach its fundraising target in order to claim a Big Lottery Fund grant for a new multi-gym and dance facility, which will have wide community use; and a £50,000 grant to the Brae Partnership towards the building and running costs of a new riding centre for people with disabilities.

The Peter Harrison Foundation operates a two-stage application process. For an initial enquiry to check whether your project might be of interest to the Peter Harrison Foundation, and a full application, contact

[www.peterharrisonfoundation.org/programme.htm](http://www.peterharrisonfoundation.org/programme.htm)

### **Bovril Offers £100,000 to Repair the Great Outdoors (UK)**

Bovril, the drinks manufacturer, has announced that it has £100,000 available to small projects that repair outdoor facilities. This could be for example a dishevelled stone wall, a broken stile on a nature trail, a rickety old fishing hut, or a campsite in need of repair. To nominate a project nominees will need to buy a promotional jar of Bovril. Projects can then be submitted online and the public is then encouraged to

vote for them. Nominations will only be accepted for existing facilities and structures that are in need of a makeover. Bovril will not accept nominations for new builds. Five winning projects will each receive £20,000 to be spent on the repair of refurbishment.

Projects can be nominated at any time up to the 28th February 2010. However, three of projects will be selected from the Shortlist at midnight on the 28th December 2009.

[www.bovril.co.uk/revival/](http://www.bovril.co.uk/revival/)

### **THE PEOPLE'S POSTCODE TRUST**

The People's Postcode Trust will distribute funds to small organisations, community groups and registered charities. Funding is available for 3-month projects ranging from £500 up to £10,000. All funding decisions are made by an independent board of Trustees. Only registered charities can apply for over £2000. Funding will go to projects with one or more of the following aims:-

- To prevent poverty, sickness and distress for the benefit of the public.
- To promote, maintain, improve and advance health.
- To advance citizenship or community development.
- To advance public participation in sport.
- To promote, improve and advance human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation.

The funding is for individual projects, not the running costs of a charity and the project must show visible results after around three months.

For more information about the People's Postcode Trust, call Claire Stewart or Lisa Imlalch on 0131 555 7288/ 554 8794 or visit [www.postcodetrust.org.uk](http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk)

## INFORMATION .... INFORMATION .... INFORMATION

### OFFICE OF THE SCOTTISH CHARITY REGULATOR (OSCR)

Since, by April 2010, OSCR will have been in operation for four years, it is undertaking a review known as Integrated Reporting (IR). This has three main proposals for change including:-

1. A revised annual reporting programme for charities
2. A revised on-line Register of charities
3. The introduction of on-line services for charities.

The objective is to review the scope of reporting requirements and processes, with a view to integrating and streamlining reporting for charities and introducing efficiencies for OSCR. The intention is to have a revised reporting programme in place for April 2011.

Full details of a public consultation on Integrated Reporting, including the Consultation Publication, see the website: [www.oscr.org.uk/OpenConsultation.stm](http://www.oscr.org.uk/OpenConsultation.stm)

The deadline for formal responses to the consultation is 29 December 2009.

### WEAR A HAT DAY ....

is a unique fundraising event for nurseries, primary schools, secondary schools, community groups, care homes and companies in Scotland, to raise money to help older people.

Across Scotland people can wear a hat on the day in exchange for a suggested donation of £1 to Age Concern and Help the Aged in Scotland. Your hat can be created, borrowed or bought and you can make the day as much fun as you like – the only limit is your imagination! Run a competition, have a fashion show, organise a quiz or a tea party or just enjoy wearing a hat for the day.

Although Wear a Hat Day is 4 December 2009 – you can choose any date in December that suits you best. A fundraising pack is available. To register to take part, e-mail your details to [wearahatday@acscot.org.uk](mailto:wearahatday@acscot.org.uk) or call 0845 833 9358

### SCOTTISH HELPLINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

The Scottish Helpline for Older People (SHOP) helps older people and those who care for, or work with, older people to find an answer – to whatever the question – fast.

The helpline is open from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm, Mon-Fri.

You can call SHOP on 0845 125 9732

**‘YOUR CALL’ COUNSELLING** — This is a FREE telephone counselling service which is open to disabled people from all over Scotland. Counsellors are all disabled people themselves. **The Service takes calls from 11 am—3 pm Mondays to Thursdays.** Calls are free from home telephone, and from most mobile network.

The ‘Your Call’ number is **08088 01 03 62**, and the service is open to all disabled people in Scotland who are over the age of 16, and their immediate family members.

### WALK FOR YOUR CHARITY - 10 MILE WALK, 4 MILE WALK AND TREASURE HUNT

Lockerbie & District Rotary Club are again organising a charity walk to enable local organisations and charity groups to raise their own funds. **SUNDAY 16 MAY 2010** is the date—you pay an entry fee (£5 per walker), but keep all the money you raise by sponsorship!

Interested? Then contact online at [indamair@gmail.com](mailto:indamair@gmail.com) or call:-

**Alan** on 01387 255871

**John** on 01576 202654

**David** on 01387 811406

Information also available at Margaret's Newsagent, High Street, Lockerbie.



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### AECVS Annual General Meeting (AGM) and BOARD MEMBERS

AECVS held its AGM on 23 September 2009 and following the business of the meeting an interesting talk was given by Michelle McCrindle, Chief Executive of The Food Train. The following named persons make up the AECVS Management Board for 2009-2010:-

Gail Copeland

Don Hunter-Grant

Margaret Sanderson

Carol Neilson

Ian Roxburgh

Rosemary Flexney & Sharon Ledger were co-opted at the Board meeting on 4/11/09 and

Clrs Archie Dryburgh & Ian Lindsay act as advisors to the Board.

**OSCR** have also published **Independent Examination: OSCR Guidance for Charities and Independent Examiners**. This is available electronically and free of charge from their website: - [www.oscr.org.uk/ExternalScrutiny.stm](http://www.oscr.org.uk/ExternalScrutiny.stm)

### AECVS PRICE LIST .... Remember we have competitive prices at AECVS

<b>Photocopying/Printing (per copy):</b>	<b>Non-Members</b>	<b>Members</b>
A4 single sided paper	10p	8p
A4 double sided paper	15p	12p
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A3 double sided paper	30p	25p
A4 colour – single sided paper	30p	20p
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<b>Administration:</b> Minimum charge is ½ hour. Charge is per ½ hour thereafter. Mailing, word processing, collating, designing etc. (Printing extra.)	£10.00 ph	£7.00 ph
<b>Disclosure Checks:</b> We are registered with the Central Registered Body in Scotland (CRBS) to carry out Disclosure Checks on staff and volunteers working with the voluntary sector in Annandale & Eskdale.	£7.50	£5.00
	administration fee per disclosure check	
<b>Meeting room hire (max 10):</b> per hour	£6.00	£4.00

**We also have office space available at an affordable rate.**

## More FUNDING news .....

### **ESMEE FAIRBAIRN FOUNDATION BIODIVERSITY GRANTS**

The Esmee Fairbairn Foundation has announced that it has changed the funding criteria for its Biodiversity funding scheme. The Esmee Fairbairn Foundation is one of the UK's largest grant making Trusts. It makes grants of approximately £25 million per year and funds projects in the areas of arts and culture; education and learning; the natural environment and addressing social disadvantage.

Under the Biodiversity strand a total of £3 million will be available in grants until December 2010. Grants will be available for projects that develop a greater knowledge and understanding of certain habitats and their associated species.

The Foundation will consider applications from research organisations, practical conservation charities and voluntary nature societies.

Although there is no specified minimum or maximum grant amount per project, previous grants have ranged from £17,000 to £195,000.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

[www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/funding/biodiversity.html](http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/funding/biodiversity.html)

### **BBC Children in Need (UK)**

BBC Children in Need (UK) provides grants for up to 3 years to properly constituted not for profit organisations working with disadvantaged young people aged 18 or under. Funding is available to organisations (including schools) that work with young people who are suffering from:

- Illness
- Distress
- Abuse or neglect
- Are disabled
- Have behavioural or psychological difficulties
- Are living in poverty or situations of deprivation

The next closing date will be 15th January 2010 with grant decisions and notifications in late April 2010. For more information, log on to:-

[www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)

### **Computers for Rural People Scheme (UK)**

Individuals, clubs and organisations etc. in rural areas that need access to information and services, are able to purchase fully functioning ex-government computers for as little as £99.

The computers are being made available through the Arthur Rank Centre. This is a collaborative unit supported by the National Churches, The Royal Agricultural Society of England and the Rank Foundation.

For organisations that need more than one computer e.g. for a Drop-in Centre, School etc. the prices are even lower.

For more information, log on to:-

[www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk](http://www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk)

### **CINEMA IN SCOTLAND'S RURAL COMMUNITIES**

Regional Screen Scotland is the development agency for access to cinema going opportunities: improving Moving Image access, participation and learning in Scotland's rural communities. In 2009, working with HI~Arts and Scottish Screen, £114,000 was awarded to 27 organisations to support and develop cinema exhibition in rural communities. We would like to hear from you – groups who are currently exhibiting films, or have ambitions to screen films. We want to know what support you really need, and what you are currently delivering. Please follow this link to a questionnaire for completion: [www.regionalscreenscotland.org/networks\\_development.html](http://www.regionalscreenscotland.org/networks_development.html), or contact Lynne Stanford at 0778 943 1720 or [lynne@regionalscreenscotland.org](mailto:lynne@regionalscreenscotland.org). The information we gather will inform our future projects, funding streams and the training we would look to offer. We are supported by Scottish Screen and HI~Arts, and work closely with BFFS Scotland, Voluntary Arts Scotland and Local Authorities.

**Liz Forsyth**  
**Community Health Development Worker**  
**(SHAP)**

My name is Liz Forsyth and I am the new Community Health Development Worker for Annandale & Eskdale. I have previously worked for the Fairer Scotland Fund, AECVS and Working for Families all covering the A & E area so you may have met me before.

**Good news for volunteers...  
...and voluntary groups!**

My new role is to recruit new and support existing volunteers and organisations in order to maximise and record the health benefits of volunteering. There are several ways I aim to do this. I am hoping the members of SHAP and the voluntary groups in this area will allow me to use their networks and knowledge to achieve these aims.

I hope to contact as many voluntary groups in this area as possible, ensuring that every geographical area is covered and the diversity of those involved is acknowledged. I will be working with existing organisations such as AECVS, Volunteer Action and the A & E Sports & Leisure Trust to liaise with as many volunteers as possible.

It is hoped that I will be able to help volunteers (and the groups and organisations that they support) by enabling them to; create personal development plans, access training and develop other skills - where there is a desire to do so - by using the Rickter® motivational assessment and evaluation tool.

Any support will be person centred and my role will be to help volunteers get more out of volunteering specifically focussing on the health benefits that volunteers get from being active in their community.

If you would be happy for me to get in touch with you or your organisation with a view to participating, please email or call me at Sonas.

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