

## **THE HIGH SHERIFFS' & HUMBERSIDE POLICE TRIBUNE TRUST**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **' Trust Support For Eight Community Projects'**

*At the Winter Meeting of the Tribune Trust trustees awarded almost £13,000 to 8 community projects supporting vulnerable members of the community, tackling crime, the misuse of drugs and promoting sport. Additionally a further award of £5,000 already earmarked was confirmed to fund the 2012 Humber Night Challenge Event and competition on the night of 3 March.*

*A grant of £1,160 has been awarded to Mires Beck Nursery, North Cave. Mires Beck is a vibrant and established project supporting people many of them young who have a physical or learning disability. Within a 10 acre site the project involves those attending in a range of horticultural and gardening skills preparing them for employment. The nursery has teaching rooms, offices, thousands of trees and an extensive garden area where people work, learn and build self confidence within a caring and supportive atmosphere. The award will fund two heated propagation benches for recently acquired glass houses.*

*A grant of £2,000 has been awarded to the Crosby Community Association, Scunthorpe for a programme known as 'Get It Together'. This targets young people to become involved in digital inclusion projects allowing them to be competent with technology thus gaining skills for employment and steering them away from the risk of crime. Internet style cafe's will be used including a centre already operating in Scunthorpe from funds previously donated by the Tribune Trust.*

*£2,000 has been awarded to the Hull and East Riding Social Enterprise Child Dynamix which runs the 'Hut' Youth Centre Preston Road. The centre serves a wide area of East Hull and at times has over 60 young people attending. The staff want to widen the work of the youth workers to reach a number of other young people who are involved with the misuse of alcohol working with neighbourhood police officers and other agencies. The grant award will fund this additional work and monitor results over a period of several months.*

*A grant of £3,000 has been awarded to the Humberside Police Lifestyle Team towards the 2012 Lifestyle Rock Challenge competition. During 2011 over 3,500 young people from 43 schools took part in 5 heats to a combined audience of 4,612 guests. In 2012 there has been an unprecedented response from schools to take part. Rock Challenge uses music, mime and dance allowing young people to understand the excitement such performances can produce, much more than the use of artificial stimulants. The trustees view the programme as the most effective drug and alcohol education programme in the UK hence the continued support.*

*An award of £1,400 has been awarded to Sydney Smith School for a project run by the neighbourhood police officer PC Andy White. This involves students working with members of the local community on an allotment during the middle seasons of the year and training at a North Hull Boxing Club over the winter months. The project managed by the officer and the school allows young people to understand aspects of community life and the value of sport in keeping healthy, improving self esteem and being well behaved.*

*£1,000 has been awarded to the Courts Junior Football Club Orchard Park Estate. This is an immensely popular club run by volunteers for 3 age groups of children and young people throughout the year and at night. The award will fund the replacement of flood lights and other equipment following a recent theft from the club's container/changing room. The trustees strongly feel that selfish thefts of this nature should not be allowed to disrupt the*

*valuable work of volunteers hence the award and new security measures by the club in partnership with Humberside Police to protect the property.*

*An award of £250 has been awarded to fund an annual Mock Trial Competition to be held in the Magistrates Court, Beverley on Saturday 10 March 2012. This is organised with local support by the Citizenship Foundation nationally and aims to introduce the legal system to young people in an innovative and exciting way. It takes place in a real court room with cases that tackle issues facing young people. Over 6,000 students nationally are involved with 800 magistrates and other legal professionals helping in a voluntary capacity. Schools competing on 10 March will be Driffield, South Holderness Technical College, Hessle High School and Hornsea School. The cash will fund engraved trophies for the winning team which will be presented by His Honour Judge Dowse from the local circuit.*

*£2,000 was awarded to the 'No Way Trust' Hull, formerly 'Prison Me No Way' and now a nationally acclaimed Community Safety Charity. It was established by Hull prison officers 20 years ago to raise awareness in schools and with young people about the causes, consequences and penalties for crime and its effects. The charity runs full Crime and Safety Awareness days in schools involving prison officers, mobile prison cells, prison discipline and presentations from police and fire officers, drug agencies and more recently issues around 'on line' safety. The Crime and Safety Days will be held at 10 Hull schools during the year hence the award from the Tribune Trust towards the funding. The trustees of the Tribune Trust continue to support this approach for preventing crime based upon feedback from the schools which have benefitted from it.*

*The award of £5,000 as sponsorship of the 5th Humber Night Challenge event will fund the competition to be held over the night of 3/4 March from Brantingham Park, Elloughton. 160 young people aged 13 to 17 years in teams of 5 from Hull, the East Riding, North and North East Lincolnshire will navigate a 12 plus mile plus route in woodland and open countryside all night in challenging conditions carrying out a number of physical and mental tasks along the way. The event involves Humberside Police as the coordinating partner with many volunteers, HM Coastguard Service, Humberside Fire and Rescue Service, Environment Agency and Humberside and Lincolnshire Orienteering Club. It is now well established in the region and has links with the Outward Bound Trust for courses later in the year.*

*The grant awards will be presented to the groups in the community over the next two weeks by the serving High Sheriffs', Chairman of the Trust and Director.*

*There will be further press releases about the Night Challenge Event and a significant fund raising event for Tribune Trust funds to be held on the 2nd of March.*

*Director of the Trust Geoff Ogden said, "Once again the diverse nature of these awards demonstrate the valuable work by so many groups and organisations in the Humberside area to help vulnerable people and reduce crime. They are so often forgotten when negative events locally and nationally make the news particularly about young people"*

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