



**Sussex
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The Heathfield Works! programme receives funding boost

The Heathfield Partnership Trust Ltd who work in partnership with the national Charity "Tomorrow's People" has received a grant of £5,000 from the Police & Crime Commissioner's Safer in Sussex Community Fund.

CLlr Rupert Simmons, Chairman of the Heathfield Partnership Trust Ltd joined the Police & Crime Commissioner, Katy Bourne and representatives from over 60 other local organisations who had also been awarded funding at a special 'Celebration Showcase' event held in Lewes on Thursday 19 June.

Commenting on the funding award Rupert Simmons said: "We are delighted to have been awarded this grant from the Police & Crime Commissioner's Community Fund, which will help make a valuable contribution towards our scheme to find employment or further education opportunities for our young people in the area, who are not in employment, education or training. Providing them with positive futures enables them to take charge of their own lives and gain new confidence."

Jan Tomlinson, Director of Tomorrow's People said: "Heathfield Works! enables young people to fulfil their potential. Together with our partners, the Heathfield Partnership, we have since the programme started valued the support and time invested in our young people by the local Police. Their involvement has added value to the programme and has helped communication and understanding, in addition to breaking down barriers. The £5,000 grant will enable young people to access a greater range of opportunities, helping them to achieve a positive and productive lifestyle going forward. We are delighted to be the recipients of this grant and would like to thank the Police Commissioner and her team."

Commending "Heathfield Works!" on its successful bid Mrs Bourne said: "Heathfield Works!" is a great example of an innovative local project that aims to make our communities safer. The Safer in Sussex Community Fund was launched to help communities tackle crime and disorder and I am very pleased with the level of response we received during the first round of applications.

“I look forward to visiting the team based at the Heathfield Youth Centre and following the progress of the project over the coming months.”

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Photo caption: Cllr Rupert Simmons from The Heathfield Partnership Trust receiving funding from Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner, Katy Bourne

About the Safer in Sussex Community Fund

The Safer in Sussex Community Fund helps local voluntary and community groups tackle crime and improve community safety by providing financial support to projects and services that address the priorities outlined in the Police and Crime Plan.

Awards of up to £5,000 will be granted for projects that meet the funding criteria following consideration by the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner and approval by the PCC. In exceptional circumstances the Commissioner will consider requests for funding above £5,000. Bids will be considered and funding awarded on a quarterly basis.

For more information about the scheme and how to apply visit:
<http://www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/safer-in-sussex-community-fund/>.