

Champion for Older People

Report on Expenditure from 1 April 2015 to March 2016

"To assist the Leader and appropriate Portfolio Holders by advising on serious issues which support and encourage activity, independent and healthy lives for older people and to raise the profile of older people and their needs in the development of policy across Directorates"

The role of Lancashire County Council Champion for Older People provides me with a range of opportunities to work with and understand the needs of what is a significant section of our community.

The role has given me the opportunity to offer a change in emphasis in the way Older People are viewed and more work is needed to promote a more positive Image of Older People. Older people do have a role within our communities, often performing great work without recognition. They are a valuable part of Lancashire's economy either through their on-going employment, their work as volunteers or as carers within family units.

To this end I have built on my experience of my previous year as Older Peoples Champion and have continued to spend time over the last 12 months meeting with each of the older people's forums and groups across the county to get a real understanding of the issues. I have attempted to promote a positive image of ageing and also worked with groups and individuals to raise their profiles and I have supported the delivery of a range of activities and events in the communities in which they live.

The Older Peoples Champions budget provides small grants to community groups working for the benefit of older people. The fund provides grants to groups for equipment, speaker's fees, rental for rooms and special activities etc. which contribute to the well-being and health of Older People.

In 2015-16 the fund has supported:

- Venue hire and refreshment costs
- Guest speakers
- Music and PA systems
- IT equipment and Computer drop in sessions
- Theatre trips
- Barge Trip
- Transport and entertainment costs.
- And a range of other activities.

The funds are so important to groups of Older People across the County that need just a little bit of money to make such a major difference to the work that they do and to the lives of the people they work with.

It is vital that Lancashire County Council has a Champion for Older People which not only recognises the contribution that older people make to our communities but also actively supports older people around the county.

I am proud of the work that older people do across the county and proud to be the Lancashire County Councils Older Peoples Champion.

***County Councillor Terry Aldridge
Champion for Older People***

Schedule of Expenditure for 2015/16

County Councillor Terry Aldridge - Champion for Older People

Applicant	Amount of Grant
Great Eccleston Over 60's Group (Wyre) – venue hire costs	£250
Oswaldtwistle Luncheon Club (Hyndburn) – venue and refreshment costs	£250
Thanet Residents Association (West Lancashire) new music system	£267
West Lancs Pensioners Association (West Lancashire) – venue and admin costs	£300
Warblers on't Wyre Singing Group (Wyre) – new sound and PA system and printing costs	£250
Parkinsons UK (Chorley and South Ribble) – guest speakers and transport	£250
The Dream Team Singers (Wyre) – laser printer and IT equipment	£250
Friends in Bereavement (Burnley) – room rental, refreshments and speaker costs	£250
Farington Senior Citizens Social and Welfare Group (South Ribble) summer outing	£250
The Twirleys Over 50's Group (West Lancashire) – printing and running costs	£300
Sunshine Senior Citizens Activity Club (West Lancashire) barge trip costs	£300
Evermoor Enterprises 50+ Luncheon Club (West Lancashire) – catering equipment	£300
Skelmersdale Action for Youth Over 50's Club (West Lancashire) – trip to National Arboretum	£250
Over 50's Whist and Dominoes Club (Wyre) – room hire and refreshments	£250
Ormskirk Historical Society (West Lancashire) – printing and projector costs	£250
Senior Forum (Ribble Valley) – room hire and running costs	£300
Over 50+ Forum (Fylde) – room hire and running costs	£300
Over 50's Forum (Hyndburn) – room hire and running costs	£300
Seniors Forum (Pendle) – room hire and running costs	£300
Senior's Together (Rossendale) – room hire and running costs	£300
Ryes Tenants Sheltered Accommodation Association (Chorley) – Christmas Party	£250
CHAT Carer and Bereavement Group (Wyre) – activities for the support group	£300
Preston and District Older People's Forum (Preston) – publicity expenses	£300
Burnley and Padiham Over 50's Forum (Burnley) – ongoing activities for the group	£300
Welbourne and Peacehaven Residents Group (West Lancashire) – Theatre trip	£300
South West Skelmersdale Pensioners Social Club (West Lancashire) – new speakers	£300
Burscough Hub (West Lancashire) – Computer Drop in sessions	£250
Divine Days Community Arts CIC (West Lancashire) – promotional flyers and tutor costs	£285
Hyndburn Homewise Society Limited (Hyndburn) – Disability Aids Project	£250
All Saints Grange Bowling Club (Hyndburn) – Pop up Gazebo	£250
Layzee Dayzee Friendship Club (South Ribble) – transport and luncheon clubs	£250
Preston and District Model Railway Society – new projector	£200
Older People's Champion Network (Age Consulting) – annual subscriptions, meeting refreshment costs	£980
TOTAL SPENT	£9,682