



## News release

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### **Further funding for local communities**

**Voluntary and community groups in Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham and surrounding villages are set to benefit as Community Partnership opens a second round of funding scheme.**

The Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham and Surrounding Villages Community Partnership launched its Small Grant Scheme in January and has confirmed a second round will open on 21 July to enable local voluntary and community groups to apply for much-needed funding.

The scheme is aimed at tackling the priorities set by the Partnership, which includes encouraging and enabling everyone to be more physically active and healthy, reducing social isolation and loneliness and improving education, opportunities and aspirations for young people.

Funding is available for projects which addresses these priorities and can include activities that can help individuals, groups and families or benefit the wider community, either as a one off or as a series of activities/events, purchasing equipment to support community activity and targeted projects which addresses specific needs linked to the priorities set by the Partnership.

Cllr Tony Cooper, Chair of the Partnership, said: "I am pleased to announce the second round of our Small Grant Scheme, which is aimed at helping local voluntary and community groups deliver a wide range of communities activities and projects which will help support, improve and enhance the lives of our local communities and young people."

The scheme will be open for applications between 21 July and 7 September, offering grants between £250 and £1,000.

For more information, full details about eligibility criteria and to apply, go to [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/community-partnerships/community-partnership-small-grant-schemes/](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/community-partnerships/community-partnership-small-grant-schemes/).

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### **Note to editors**

During the consultation on forming the new East Suffolk Council, a challenge was identified around the decreased number of councillors covering larger geographical areas, more town and parish councils, more people, and staying connected to local residents.

As a result, the East Suffolk Community Partnerships were established through a programme of stakeholder workshops in October and November 2019 as an innovative new way for the council, partners and communities to work together to 'bring ideas to life' by taking a solution focused approach to local priorities.

There are eight Community Partnerships, based on natural grouping of communities, using the new East Suffolk Council ward boundaries as the 'building blocks':

- Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham and villages
- Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth and villages
- Carlton, Colville, Kessingland, Southwold and villages
- Felixstowe Peninsula
- Framlingham, Wickham Market and villages
- Kesgrave, Rushmere St Andrew, Martlesham, Carlford and Fynn Valley Community Partnership Lowestoft and northern parishes
- Melton, Woodbridge and Deben Peninsula

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