



GET YOUR HANDS ON OUR CASH!

Groups and charities across Babergh have been given welcome cash boosts Babergh District Council has dished out £110,000 in capital grants during 2008/9 and is now busy allocating to those who have bid for projects to support in 2009/10.



given £750 towards purchase of a rickshaw bike and the new Pinewood Short Bowls Club who received £750 for equipment.

Jo Beever, Babergh's Community Grants Officer, said: "Babergh is delighted, especially in the current economic situation, to be able to help so many communities across the district with much-needed funds."

"These groups provide vital services to their communities which enables them to help make Babergh such a strong and vibrant district."

For more information on Babergh's grant programme please visit Babergh's websites on www.babergh.gov.uk/babergh/communitygrants, call (01473 825875 or email: grants@babergh.gov.uk Potential applicants should also contact Babergh Communities Together (BCT), a charity that can help explore other funding options as well as helping with the application forms and providing administrative support. Call BCT on 0845 260 6340 or email: info@bctsoffolk.org.uk

In the 2008/9 round, Babergh funded Stoke by Nayland village hall to the tune of £3,250 for a new kitchen. The hall committee completely gutted the existing room, re-fitting totally. Holbrook Pre-School was also given £2,500 for new piece of outdoor play equipment and Sudbury Unity Croquet Club was awarded £2,000 towards a new toilet for the disabled. Babergh has also helped by contributing towards the Stoke by Nayland Recreation Ground Car park and towards work being carried out by the National Trust at Flatford to help make paths more accessible. Projects already allocated from 2009/10 include £2,000 to help with the car park at Milden Sports Pavilion, Stutton Pedicab Service, which was

From the Pole to Suffolk

The great-grandson of one of the original Shackleton team who retraced his ancestor's failed trek to the South Pole turned his attention to a slightly less arduous task - when he launched a walking festival. The second South & Heart of Suffolk Walking Festival, organised by Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, was launched by Henry Adams - who was part of the Shackleton Centenary Expedition to Antarctica.

Henry is great grandson of one of the original Shackleton team who set off to the South Pole 100 years ago but were forced to stop 97 miles short of their intended destination. A century later, Henry and his team mates completed the 900 mile journey in January this year.

The walking festival, which has a varied programme of over 60 walks aimed to encourage local residents and visitors to get out and about in the scenic Suffolk countryside.

Mr Adams, a solicitor in Ipswich, said: "It was a privilege for me to help with the South & Heart of Suffolk Walking Festival.

"Suffolk is blessed with some glorious, unspoilt scenery which is a wonderful antidote to the stresses of modern life.

"I'm also delighted to say that the beautiful paths of Suffolk are much more accessible than the wilds of Antarctica!"

Karina Coghlin, Babergh's Tourism and Arts Manager, said: "The South and Heart of Suffolk is the perfect place to relax, enjoy the fresh air and return home feeling recharged. "Even though the festival is over for this year, there is still no excuse not to get out in the countryside!"

For more information on walking in The South and Heart of Suffolk and information on where to stay, go to: www.southand-heartofsuffolk.org.uk

Drama students look at domestic violence

Almost 100 Drama students within the Babergh district have been working to highlight issues posed by domestic violence in the home - with the results of their work showcased at a special evening.

The Showcase Evening was the culmination of a project, funded by Babergh District Council, started in January when students took part in drama workshops to inspire their own documentary-style plays.

Year 11 students explored the subject as part of their GCSE Drama, BTEC Acting and BTEC Performing Arts coursework and performed their individual drama pieces to their peers.