

# Working together to make Babergh better!

Whether it's a grant for a playgroup or a strategy to help people affected by alcoholism – chances are your Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) is involved.

LSPs are multi-agency groups that represent different parts of the public, private, community and voluntary sector – all brought together at a community level. If you live in the middle to the east of Babergh – in Lavenham, Hadleigh, or East Bergholt – then this is the Babergh East LSP. The Partnership has just released details of its latest round of grant funding to community organisations and charities in its area.

It has helped the Shelley Centre for Therapeutic Riding by supporting two disabled riders taking part in dressage competitions, helped the Success After Stroke charity fund computers to enable people with stroke disabilities to learn IT skills as well as helping Suffolk ACRE to fund a moped loan scheme for residents with essential travel needs.

If you live in Sudbury, Great Cornard and surrounding villages, then you would fall under Western Suffolk LSP, which also incorporates St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath council areas.

This Partnership has also helped make



more people's lives better with their latest round of grants to local groups and organisations.

It helped children with special needs to link up with mainstream schools to work on an arts project, aided Glemsford Toddler Group in buying

new equipment, helped Sudbury Boxing Club carry out gym repairs as well as helping the Unity Croquet Club install a disabled toilet.

The LSP also funded work by the Mental Health Action Group to provide free counselling for people going through a divorce or family breakdown, which began in Sudbury after Easter.

For more information: [www.onesuffolk.co.uk/wslsp](http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/wslsp) or look up LSPs on Babergh's website [www.babergh.gov.uk](http://www.babergh.gov.uk) or look up LSPs on Babergh's website [www.babergh.gov.uk](http://www.babergh.gov.uk)

## Babergh thanks its community heroes

Winners of Babergh District Council's Community Achievement Awards 2009 celebrated in style with a special evening held in their honour.

More than 20 winners were plucked from nominations received for the awards, which is entering its 17th year and aims to highlight the work of numerous community individuals or groups who consistently make the lives of others better in some way. Jill Barton, Babergh's Community Development Officer, said: "Receiving so many fantastic entries made the judge's task exceptionally difficult this year. We are really pleased to be able to recognise both a Judge's Special Award and our first ever Business Award, which further demonstrates the high calibre of nominations. "This scheme continues to highlight the commitment and enthusiasm of those people who are passionate about their local community."

