

BIG LOCAL SW11 NEWS



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Chair's Statement

"Our journey is starting to look interesting! Our 'Battersea Together' event was brilliant. Building Futures is starting to make a difference and we are delighted to relaunch our Small Grants programme. With the Falcon Road Festival just round the corner and new events being planned for 2016, we are just starting to see beginnings of a sense of momentum behind our plans for the patch. My hope is that anyone who cares about our community joins in!"

Robert Musgrave MBE

Big Local SW11 themes:

- Achieving Potential
- Safety and Wellbeing
- Influence and Ownership
- Community and Belonging

FALCON ROAD HERITAGE FESTIVAL

25TH JUNE
2016



A Community led Summer Event!

Performers, Music, Food, Activities, Displays — Family Fun and Local History; Main Stage, Market Street, Community Stalls, Local Businesses, Live Falcons!

Get Involved!

Small Grants

FOLLOWING ON FROM OUR SUCCESSES IN 2014 AND 2015 OUR SUPPORT FOR LOCAL PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONS CONTINUES WITH THE LAUNCH OF OUR 2016 SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME. AWARDS OF UP TO £1000 FROM A £6000 POT WILL BE GIVEN FOR PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES THAT HELP US TO MEET OUR OBJECTIVES.

PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY SUPPORTED INCLUDE A THEATRE PROJECT, AN AFTER SCHOOL PROJECT, A SHELTERED HOMES' ART PROJECT, AND A PROGRAMME FOR CARERS.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS IS STRAIGHTFORWARD AND THE DEADLINE IS THE 12TH MAY 2016

Details can be found on our web page at <http://www.biglocalsw11.co.uk/> or on Face Book.

Upcoming dates for your diary:

25th June Falcon Road Heritage Festival

July Battersea Together Network Event

July Big Local SW11 AGM

To get in touch, please:

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"Battersea Together"



Robert opens the session

At an amazing event organised by BLSW11 on the 25th February 44 people from **35 community organisations** gathered together at York Garden's Library to share experiences and knowledge about what is happening and what needs to be done in SW11.

People not only had a chance to network but to look at opportunities for developing a multi-agency approach to addressing some of the most challenging needs of the people in our communities.



Over a three hour session, we discussed how we could develop practical plans to 'increase influence', 'strengthen community', 'improve safety' and 'encourage oppor-

tunities for work, volunteering and training'. **We're excited about partnering with people who were there on the day** and more events, for local residents and businesses, are being planned for 2016



You had to be there!



The writing's on the wall!

Building Futures



Big Local SW11 has been piloting a new initiative which offers **free guidance and advice to anyone living in the area that might need help getting into work.** Run by adviser Dustine Davis at the Katherine Low Settlement each Wednesday from 2pm-5pm, **the service has supported 14 people, three of whom have gained employment! This could be a staggering result,** and the project is currently being evaluated with a full report going to our Partnership Executive Committee in May.



As we go to press, Building Futures is developing a three year programme of measures that support local people into work, training, and/or volunteering/mentoring, and other actions that build self-reliance. **Watch this space!**

Get Involved! Big Local SW11 is open to anyone who lives in the area—if you want to know more, or want to volunteer please contact one of the following:

Achieving and potential (Building Futures) – Helen@biglocalsw11.co.uk; Safety and wellbeing – Andrew@biglocalsw11.co.uk; Influence and ownership – Sharon@biglocalsw11.co.uk Community and belonging – Senia@biglocalsw11.co.uk