

South Area Committee 11/03/08**Community Development Report****Bullet Point Update****Unit Development Manager – Cathy Hackett****Farley Community Centre:**

- The Staff continue to work on improving the Centre Programme and have now included local Police Surgeries. The first one will start on Tuesday 11th March 11.00am – 12 Noon, and will continue on a monthly basis. Please telephone the Centre for details of further surgeries, as times will vary. Also we are supporting one of our younger members in her training to qualify as a dance teacher, although she has some of her qualifications she now has to have practical experience towards others, and is providing dance sessions on a weekly basis for the 10 years plus age group, this is proving to be a successful and enjoyable session for the young people.
- Another new group to Farley is Advanced Housing; this group provide support and social interaction for adults with learning disabilities.
- The Centre is also planning a holiday in June for the local over 50's in Farley; the Centre Staff will run this. These holidays provide much needed support, encouragement and Security to the older users in our Community, a lot of who are now less able bodied and more vulnerable.

Park Town Community Centre:

- Staff at Park Town ran a Holiday Scheme during the February Half –term with the help of Volunteers and the local PCSO's. This proved hugely successful with an average of 45 children aged 5 – 12years every day. This club provided a range of activities from cooking to creative arts, and although this is open to all children of this age range, the majority that attended was from the Park Town area and proved to be a much-needed provision.
- The Centre programme continues to thrive and improve, the staff has been approached by some new groups, and are in discussions with them at the moment.
- The Community Information day that was reported to the last meeting, regarding the proposal of a Children's Centre to Park Town was held on Monday 28th January and was a successful and informative day. The

feedback from the local Community was very positive. Discussions are continuing on this project.

- Both Farley and Park Town Community Centre are planning an Open Day in April. This is to enable Members of the Public to come in and see for themselves what the Centre provides in the way of activities, as well as this they will also be able to access other agencies and Partners, who we hope will be here on the day, such as: Age Concern, Job Centre Plus, Citizens Advice, various benefits agencies, as well as LBC departments, i.e. Recycling unit, Libraries, Children and Young People, Youth Service, Area Committee information. This will be advertised around the areas nearer the time.