

KEYSTONE DEVELOPMENT TRUST

TRUST UPDATE

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Works4Me – Suffolk

This project has now concluded. The programme was very successfully delivered with final destination outcomes still to be provided by County, in order that statistical improvements anticipated against previous year's results can be seen.

Although extremely disappointed not to be involved in the new county wide contract, we believe the strong relationships within the schools allowed for other useful areas of development to be explored, which could be successfully be incorporated into future projects.

Cambridgeshire School Work Clubs

This pilot scheme is now in its final quarter and entering new territory in terms of the work placement element. School exam results generally showed marked improvement and the raising of the participation age will have an impact on retaining those less academically inclined within education.

A new Work Club Leader has been appointed for the delivery of the final stage of the project and the team continues to work closely with potential work placement providers for those students in need of support beyond mainstream provision.

Norfolk School Work Clubs

This project has now launched well in Thetford and is set to commence in Dereham after the half term break. It is clearly an advantage to be engaging with the schools so early in the academic year.

Breckland Advice Project

The project has recently completed its first year and undertaken a process of review against the expectations of respective partners.

A communications plan is now in place to support the promotion of the service and additional research is to be undertaken by Keystone to highlight any gaps within existing service provision to migrant communities across the district.

Stop Smoking Service

Work is continuing in line with the broader development of coverage by the META Advice Service outside of Thetford and through the support offered to clients identified by SmokeFree Norfolk in other neighbouring areas. The team has recently benefitted from additional training provided as a consequence of this collaboration and has provided feedback on the development of a county-wide control strategy through engagement with the Tobacco Control Alliance.

Thetford Arts Therapy Café

Additional funding has now been approved from the Shadwell Community Trust to support the delivery of a pilot scheme focusing on drug and alcohol rehabilitation in Thetford.

The Arts Therapy Café project is waiting on a decision from Breckland on Match funding following the expression of support from local ward representatives. Once known, recruitment of a Project Co-ordinator will be confirmed.

A*spire

The A*spire project, funded by Children In Need, is coming to the end of its three year delivery programme. An application for funding for another three years has been submitted and a decision is expected within the next couple of months.

A couple of successful trips have been conducted this autumn, to Pleasurewood Hills and Norwich Castle and a full line up of activity is planned for the rest of the year. Members will be helping to plan and run a Christmas event, as well as being offered the opportunity to try Skiing and attend the pantomime. All the positive outcomes achieved through the programme will be captured in the end of year report submitted to the funders before Christmas.

Innovation Centre

During September and October there were 131 conferences held and attended by 1,918 delegates.

There are currently two offices unoccupied in the building and the current building occupancy is 92%. The Keystone Innovation Centre welcomed a new tenant in August; Dexters Recruitment who moved into Office 1-13 on the 1st Floor.

During September and October the building tenants had 1,287 visitors come to visit them.

Green Ventures Bikes

Over the period the area that the project occupies has been reduced and the shop area changed around so that all bikes can be stored within the unit, as opposed to within unit 3b which has now been rented out. This has worked very well and the areas are nicely set out and with reduced space it is making it simpler for customers to choose a bike.

Following a review of the sales on Saturdays it was decided to close on Saturdays and open longer during the week. So far we have not seen a decline in sales compared to the same period last year.

The Bike shop is open Monday to Friday 10.00 – 5.00
The shop is located at 39 Brunel Way, Thetford

Local Food Group

New items have been introduced to the menu along with soup being introduced back to the menu. Over the coming months more items will be introduced including hot meals.

The café is open Monday to Friday 9.00 – 2.30pm.

The café is based within the Innovation Centre on Croxton Road.