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Risk Assessment Training



Apology!

A mistake was made on the booking form sent with the last newsletter. The correct date for the Pentrich seminar is **30 September 2006**, as stated in the newsletter and not 20th September as stated on the booking form. Sorry about this.

There is still time to book for the one at Willington on **22 July**. Willington is in South Derbyshire, off the A38 before you reach Burton on Trent travelling from the Derby direction.

This has now been launched and can be accessed on the BIG

Big Lottery Fund—Community Buildings Programme

website: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk. Phone: 0845 4 10 20 30

Open for applications: 1 July 2006
Closed for applications: 30 April 2007
Minimum grant: £50,001
Maximum grant: £500,000
Total available: £50 million to be committed before 30 June 2008

The application process is in two stages, the first deadline being 30 April 2007. If successful, applicants will be invited to submit a stage two application. At this stage, development grants of up to £25,000 may be offered.

If your project costs more than £250,000, you will need to find at least 50% of the amount over £250,000 from other sources.

Who can apply? Registered charities; voluntary and community groups; charitable and not-for-profit companies; social enterprises; parish councils.

If you are thinking of applying to the programme, consult the BIG advice line on 0845 4 10 20 30 and Helen Lidgett at an early stage.

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Licensing Act

Government Minister refuses to increase the number of TENS available to Village Halls

Licensing Minister Shaun Woodward announced on 5 July that the Government would not extend the number of temporary event notices (TENS) - a light-touch temporary licensing system that allows people to carry out licensable activities without applying for a full licence—beyond the current annual cap of 12 for unlicensed venues.

Mr Woodward stressed that the limit was being kept to protect local residents from noise nuisance and disturbance and they had to balance their concerns with the desire of village halls to put on licensable activities. Residents groups and the Local Government Association have both asked for the cap to be kept in place and for additional controls to be put in place. He added "People can, of course, choose to apply for a full licence at any time. But importantly this enables local residents and others to have a say on the application, meaning their concerns are fully considered. They don't have this right under a TEN application, which is why a limit is appropriate".

He also announced that Village halls and other community venues may no longer have to name a single person to be in charge of their premises licence—instead the responsibility would fall on the whole management committee.

Under new licensing laws, every application for a licence to sell alcohol must name a designated premises supervisor who is responsible for licensable activities at the premises. That person must hold a personal licence and complete a training course.

After concerns from community groups and others about bureaucracy and costs, Mr Woodward announced that the Government would, subject to public consultation, seek to remove this requirement. Village halls and community venues would then be akin to private members' clubs, where the whole committee takes responsibility for the licence.

Rural Affairs Minister, Barry Gardiner, said "Village halls play a strong traditional role in rural communities and their management committees put a great deal of effort in making them work for local people. Volunteers play a very important role in the functioning of their local village halls and I am pleased that their needs have been taken into account. Such a change in licensing requirements would go a long way to helping community associations provide more services and activities for local people."

The full text of the press release can be found on the Department for Culture, Media & Sport website: www.culture.gov.uk.

Please write immediately to your MP if you wish to comment on these decisions, and copy to me.

DRCC Website

www.derbyshirercc.org.uk

This is updated regularly and contains the latest news and events, information on the work of Derbyshire Rural Community Council and details of publications you may find useful .

