

Report for Clifton upon Teme meeting – Thursday 6th February 2020

Dear Councillors,

An update for your perusal:

Severn Trent Community Fund: Severn Trent has launched a new Community Fund with more than £10million to give away to charities and community groups over the next five years. The Fund will be looking to support projects that can demonstrate a clear link to one or more of our three elements of community wellbeing:

People: Projects that help people to lead a healthier life and gain new skills

Place: Ideas that help create better places to live in and use

Environment: Schemes that will help look after the natural environment, give people greater access to that environment or help look after water

There will also be encouraging projects that have a link to water in some way, such as river restoration, flood alleviation or sustainable drainage.

The independent Community Fund Customer Panel, which is made up of Severn Trent customers, will review applications on a quarterly basis and then decide where the money goes. The Panel will meet for the first time in March with the first grants expected to be issued in April 2020.

Applications are welcomed all-year round and capital and revenue projects will be considered, as long as the application shows how the project will be sustained beyond the investment.

To apply and to find out more, visit www.stwater.co.uk/communityfund or get in touch with the team at communityfund@severntrent.co.uk.

Waste and recycling campaign: Our residents are generally pretty good at recycling and contamination rates are amongst the lowest in the county. However, we still have particular problem areas where too many items ending up in green bins/cherry sacks are not suitable for recycling. Over the next few weeks and months we will be supporting Worcestershire County Council in running a campaign to highlight the main items which are incorrectly put into bins and help residents to get their recycling right.

Recent sampling has revealed the following items are most commonly put into the green bin when they belong elsewhere:

Clothes/shoes

Food waste

Household items (cheese grater, toilet brush, photo frame)

Nappies

Metals

Youth Volunteering: We have updated the youth volunteering leaflet for January. This is updated every six months and shared with our local high schools and on our website www.malvern hills.gov.uk/youth. You will also find the latest 'things to do' guide for young people and apprenticeship opportunities on the website. Please promote.

Nominations for The Pride of Malvern Hills Community Awards are now open, with two new award categories; Dementia Friendly Award and Local Charity Award. The awards scheme aims to recognise individuals, projects, groups and organisations whose dedication and commitment has improved the lives and wellbeing of residents.

Shortlisted nominees will be celebrated at a ceremony on **26 March at Malvern Town Football Club**.

The awards form part of our Five Year Plan commitment to building stronger and healthier communities. Visit www.malvern hills.gov.uk/community-awards for more information and to download a nomination form.

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