



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Hitchin Area Committee**

2. Date: **16 Jul 2013**

3. Summary of application: **Support for young carers**

Name of organisation: **Herts Young Carers**

Sum requested: **£1,900**

Total project cost: **£3,381**

Brief details:

Herts Young Carers meet fortnightly to give emotional and practical support to Young Carers through recreational activities. They provide the young carers with respite and peer support in a safe and fun environment. The group was set up in May 2013. A previous group had been meeting for 13 years run by Carers in Hertfordshire but in March 2013 all funding was withdrawn by Carers in Hertfordshire. There was no attempt to support the group further and the young people and volunteers were left to sort out their own future. The existing volunteers and a new incoming volunteer formed a small charity with advice from NHCVS and received emergency funding for two months to help pay for the taxi costs which enable the young carers to get to the meetings. The funding requested includes training of volunteers, immediate running costs and transport costs. The group have also secured support from Rotary Hitchin Tilehouse. The immediate running costs include DBS checks.

Matched / linked funding:

Funder:

Matched /linked funding : **£0**
or DRR

Funder:

Comments from Development Officer:

This is an excellent initiative by volunteers who rallied together to form this new group after funding had been withdrawn. They realised the importance of the group and have very quickly set up an organisation to enable the group and the excellent work they do to continue. The group runs fortnightly during term time on a Thursday evening at the Nightingale Centre and activities provided include exercise, sports, cookery, arts and crafts with table tennis and badminton available as well as board games and karaoke. The importance of this group to the young carers aged 8 - 16 is invaluable giving them support when required. A young carer role can mean facing a number of issues, including isolation, frustration and juggling school work.

Amount recommended: **£1,900**

4. Comments from Ward Members:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

Signed:

Date:

I support / do not support this application

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Signed:

Date:
