

## **Sir David Arculus is the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire**

Sir David Arculus is the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire. Sir David was installed at a service in Peterborough Cathedral in March 2016, taking over the role from the outgoing High Sheriff Captain Victor Lucas.

## **The Role of the High Sheriff and the High Sheriff's Award Scheme**

A High Sheriff is appointed by Her Majesty at a meeting of the Privy Council, for one year. The Office of High Sheriff is over 1,000 years old and the key elements of the role are supporting those who administer law and order.

It is an apolitical role, undertaken on a voluntary basis, at no cost to the public purse and so is well suited to lending support and encouragement to charities, community groups and voluntary services.

The High Sheriff's Award Scheme was established in Cambridgeshire over 15 years ago to support this charitable work. It recognises achievement and awards grants to projects involving young people in positive activities which benefit the community. The Cambridgeshire High Sheriff's Award Scheme is managed by the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation.

## **16/17 Awards**

As for the prior year, awards will be made in 16/17 to projects that are supporting and enabling young people to volunteer (take social action ) in their community.

Grants of up to £750 will be offered and the groups wishing to apply need to submit a request by 1 August 2016.

Details of 15/16 awards are given below.

## **The 15/16 High Sheriff Awards**

**Carers Trust Cambridgeshire** received an Award to support 5 -10 young carers to run a community 'Think Young Carer' campaign over a 6 month period and introduce 3-4 external projects that the young people may be able to offer to help to by way of social action

**Families First Peterborough CIC** received an Award towards costs of a Youth Committee and youth

café for local young people

**Groundwork Cambridgeshire & Peterborough** received an Award to recruit and support a group of six to ten young people aged 16-20 (or up to 25 for people with learning disabilities) to carry out regular volunteering as Green Aiders volunteers for one day per week over approximately a six week period

**Huntingdon Community Action Projects** received an Award to fund a Peer Mentoring project aimed at improving the lives of pupils attending St Peters School

**Living Sport** received an Award to deliver a Level 1 in Sports Leadership and a Level 1 in Sport Volunteering to a group of learners at the FACET centre

**Romsey Mill Trust** received an Award to fund a programme to train youth mentors and leaders

**Stretham Youth Club** received an Award to train, develop and support 25 young people such they are able to make a meaningful contribution to three different Social Action Projects; the youth club, community events ( eg farmers market and the annual feast) and intergenerational singing.

**Turtle Dove Cambridge** received an Award to fund intergenerational social community events and workshops

**Vivacity** received an Award HS award to organise and promote one event at City Gallery, Peterborough specifically aimed at young people with a consultation session in advance and young people as ambassadors to promote the event to their peers.

**Waterbeach and Landbeach Action for Youth (WAY)** received an Award to provide various life skills training sessions for the community youth club

**Wisbech Youth Clubs** received an Award to fund activities for local young people to improve and enhance their local community

**Young People March** received an Award to continue building upon our existing youth council and to regenerate the group and activities