

## Fratton Big Local



Finding the way forward

# Fratton Big Local Newsletter March 2015

## Fratton Big Local Delivers!

Come and find out what we've been doing to help make Fratton shine!


We'll be at the Cubano Beach Club on Fratton Road (next to the Bridge Centre) on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April** from 12 noon to 7pm.

Help us celebrate our first year of activities, and find out what we've got planned for the coming months. There will be free refreshments available, and free craft workshops for children (until 4pm).

Fratton Big Local is run by and for the people of Fratton - we value your views and continued support.



## Community Chest grants

 We are pleased to report that Local Trust has approved our budget for this year, so we are able to continue to offer Community Chest grants of up to £500 to support new community initiatives that benefit Fratton residents. Individuals or community groups can apply for funding for a project that meets one or more of our five main aims:

- Making Fratton an attractive destination
- Improving and making the best use of the green space available
- Developing & improving community life
- Working with people to help them think about what they want, hope & need
- Breaking down barriers and involving the whole community

Contact us if you've got an idea that you'd like to discuss with us, or if you would like an application pack. You can also download an application pack from our website, [www.frattonbiglocal.org.uk](http://www.frattonbiglocal.org.uk).



Fratton Community Association was awarded a grant to provide emergency first aid training earlier this month for local volunteers and users of Fratton Community Association.

As you can see, the course involved lots of role play and bandages!



*First aid training funded by FBL*

## ESOL pilot course update

Our pilot ESOL language and conversation course for women living in Fratton whose first language is not English has now started.

As this has proved successful we may run similar courses again later this year. Watch this space!



*Some of the ladies attending our ESOL sessions*

## Goodbye & thanks, Stuart.....Hello & welcome, Anna

As you may already know, Stuart leaves us at the end of the month. We'd like to thank Stuart for all that he's done for us and to wish him well with his new venture, 'Wild Thyme', a wholefood shop in Palmerston Road.

We'd like to welcome Anna Potten as our new Community Development Worker. Anna has led many local community projects and brings much experience and enthusiasm to the role.

"Fratton Big Local has so many great plans and ideas for the future, and I'm looking forward to working with local residents on these and listening to people's ideas," she said.

Come and meet Anna on 10<sup>th</sup> April at the Cubano Beach Club and find out more.

**If you're interested in making a difference to Fratton, contact us:**

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