



# Holt Area Partnership

## News Spring 2011

A new year a new office! As of March 2011 the Holt Area Partnership (HAP) has moved to Holt Library. HAP and the library are looking forward to working together to promote local opportunities and bring even more benefit to local people. We have already held a joint event in February called 'Balancing the Books' which helped promote library resources and the Holt Area Community Bank, it involved a visit from a shark called Elvis made by local artist Jessica Perry – Elvis is made from Levis and he's pictured below with Alan Leventhall, the Community Librarian, and James Bacon from the Norfolk Credit Union who recommends avoiding loan sharks!



Holt Library are always keen to get even more families joining – did you know that there's a happy hour where you can get two rental DVD's for the price of one from 4-6pm on Fridays?!

### Good News - Funding updates

HAP has helped with a number of successful grant applications this winter for refurbishment works in three Village halls - Hunworth, High Kelling Social Centre and Holt Community Centre. We are also helping find funding for a range of projects from Scout jamborees to the Holt Festival and we're promoting plans for a Domesday Plaque for Holt. As well as these we are working with the Friends of Holt Hall and we are advancing the ideas for the Holt Vision project with support from the North Norfolk Community Partnership. Finally: keep a look out for the Holt Society's 'First Impressions' – a booklet Holt that we have also supported.

The HAP website has lots of up to date news and blogs about local opportunities, and we are happy to promote your activities if they are free and support communities in the area. Please visit it at [www.holtareapartnership.org.uk](http://www.holtareapartnership.org.uk) to find out what other projects we are supporting and find out how you might feedback information for the Parishes Pages and other web pages, there are opportunities for everyone to get more involved.

### Credit Union

If you are interested in volunteering with the Holt Area Community Bank (your local Credit Union facility) then please let us know by dropping your contact details in to the library on Tuesdays or Wednesdays or phone/email us, as we are planning a training session in Holt in May. To find out more details about Credit Unions generally or get account application forms, call Norfolk Credit Union on 01508 533842.

### Holt Area Partnership AGM

We will be holding our AGM at Holt Hall at 6.30pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, all are welcome, but please let us know if you plan to attend. If you want to get more involved we are looking for new Board members - to nominate someone please contact us for a form by the end of April.

HAP is made up of various local voluntary and community groups and we are happy to welcome new stakeholder members. We are starting an annual fee of £10 per group, this will entitle groups to regular updates on HAP activities, support with grant searches and applications, and voting rights at our AGM. The membership money goes into the Community Chest fund and so gets given back to the community in grants.

### The HAP Team

Lara Williamson, co-ordinator and Debbie Shearly, administrator.  
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### Big Thank You to the Feathers!

HAP would like to thank the Feathers Hotel in Holt for the use of their upstairs room for meetings – we really appreciate the use of the space and the friendly service given.

