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## Marches Project to End? COUNTY COUNCIL WITHDRAWS SUPPORT

THE news that Hereford & Worcester County Councillors have decided to cease funding the Leominster Marches Project leaves its future in jeopardy.

According to the political leader of the ruling party at County Hall, Councillor David Finch from Evesham, such projects should be 'self-sufficient'. This is a strange comment, since the project was never intended to generate income for itself, but to utilise resources to create employment, educational, welfare and social activities.

Since it commenced in 1981, the project has a solid record of achievements which have resulted in the creation of additional jobs, extra income from tourism, assistance to local and national organisations concerned with job creation, economic and educational development as well as co-ordinating local tourist groups and a number of training courses. Not forgetting giving a helping hand to village education projects, youth clubs, mums and toddlers groups and 'Signal', one of our own projects.

The Leominster Marches Project is the only community programme of its type in England. Its purpose is to act as a guiding hand and a support group until individual projects can themselves be left in the hands of local people.

Currently it covers most of the rural area of Leominster District Council, and it helps people to create activities which take some of the burden off the Central Government and County & District Authorities. As a result indirect savings are made in unemployment benefit and money for social services and income has been created of which the Government and local Authorities receive their share.

The Project has not indulged in the type of activity which has become associated with Mr. Livingstone at the G.L.C. Its funding request to the County Council had the support of Mr. Temple Morris, Leominster District Councillors

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and the officers of the County Council and we understand that Sir John Cotter-  
ell also supports it.

The future of the Project now rests in the hands of the Community Projects  
Foundation in London.

If the refusal of Hereford and Worcester County Councillors to fund heralds  
the end our communities will be the losers. This would be particularly  
silly since the remark 'self-sufficient' appears to show a lack of knowledge  
of the activities of the Project.

Perhaps our knight may rally forth to battle!

### STAUNTON-ON-WYE SCHOOL

ON behalf of the parents of the pupils of Staunton-on-Wye School  
I would like to thank all the people who helped to give the  
children a delicious Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, 17th December.

In particular I would like to thank Chris and Catherine, the  
proprietors at Worlds End Lodge who very kindly donated the use  
of their kitchen. Many thanks also to the friends of the school  
who donated so generously towards the meal, including Colonel  
Phillips, Sir John Cotterell, Drs. Beach, Mr. Edward Price, Mr.  
Philip Arthur, Mrs. Christine Reese, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Price, Mr.  
Roy Jenkins and Mrs. Jill Jelfs.

A special thankyou to the mums who worked so hard preparing the  
meal - Jill Jelfs, Barbara Arthur, Chris Reese, Anette Andrews,  
Wendy Bradshaw and Joy Trumper. Also Rev. Bryn and Mrs. Rees who  
said grace.

Shortbread and mince pies cooked and served by these mums were  
also enjoyed by the audience at the nativity in the afternoon.

The meal was a great success and much enjoyed by the children.  
For this I would like to give a special mention to Mrs. Jill  
Jelfs who organised everything and hopes to do the same again  
next Christmas.

THANKYOU ALL VERY MUCH.

Lin Stokes

### STAUNTON-ON-WYE RESOURCE CENTRE

Voluntary Co-ordinator -  
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ordinator if you would like  
to use the duplicator,  
photo-copier or any other  
facility provided at the  
Community Resource Centre  
at Staunton-on-Wye School.

### STAUNTON-ON-WYE

We extend a warm welcome to  
new residents of Staunton-on-  
Wye - Mr. M. Green and family  
of Greenways and Mr. Powell  
and family of Lower House.  
Also to Miss Jean Phillips  
of Silverdale.

Maurice and Catherine of  
Staunton-on-Wye extend their  
gratitude and thanks to many  
kind friends who sent congratulations  
and good wishes on the occasion  
of their recent wedding.