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**Report:** Surrey Hills Trust Fund Activity Report

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The Panel last met on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and the next meeting is planned for 12<sup>th</sup> April.

A grant was awarded to local charity Delight to work with schools from more deprived parts of Surrey. Focused at Box Hill, children will participate in a habitat workshop with a National Trust ranger. The workshop will be followed by a woodland themed theatre production co-ordinated by the Human Zoo Theatre Company. Back in the school classroom children will create their own forest character and habitat from what they have learned, their finished work will be used to create an ‘Art Trail’ around Box Hill.

To celebrate 60 years of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty 6 limited edition prints have been created by Ockley based artist Louise Dunckley of Illustrations & Prints. Each print captures a unique view of the Surrey Hills, including the Devils Punch Bowl at Hindhead, the Great Pond at Frensham, a view from Newlands Corner on the North Downs Way, Leith Hill Tower, the viewpoint at Box Hill and the Inglis Memorial on Colley Hill, Reigate. Each limited edition print is numbered and signed by the artist, plus £5.00 from each purchase will be donated to the Surrey Hills Trust Fund. Visit <http://www.illustrationsandprints.com/limited-edition/index.html> to view and buy the prints.

Another new development is to create a Festival as part of the Surrey Hills Challenge event. This will be taking place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September at Denbies Wine Estate. The Festival should help to support the Trust Fund in the long term by generating footfall, income and sponsorship opportunities. In the meantime, it will be a great opportunity to raise the profile of the Surrey Hills as an outstanding area for outdoor sport and exercise.

There are plans to raise greater awareness of the Trust Fund, and its aim of ***Enhancing Landscapes and Lives***, later this year as part of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a new web-site. Discussions are in place for a re-launch/donor event at the Alderbrook Estate hosted by Mrs Mittal. This could include establishing an Inspiring Views programme across the County seeking donations for artwork, access and viewpoint enhancements, with an endowment contribution for maintenance.

As reported to the last meeting, I will be stepping down as Chairman next October. This will provide the opportunity to review the membership of the Panel to ensure that we have the right philanthropic interests, skills and experience represented. Our ability to generate donations is dependent on our network of contacts and ensuring we are supporting projects that will generate great interest and further giving.