

Decision taken by: **Ward Member for Walland and Dengemarsh  
– Councillor Clive Goddard**

Subject: **Caring All Together on Romney Marsh (CARM)**

**Executive/non-executive decision: Non-executive**

Date decision taken: **28 November 2018**

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**Name and address of applicant(s):**

Holly Lewis  
Appledore Christian Centre  
The Street  
Appledore  
TN26 2AE

**Name and description of project:**

Lydd Christmas Dinner – Lydd meeting point will be having their Christmas dinner at Hardy Hall in Lydd. This will enable all those who attend to enjoy a Christmas dinner with others. Some of our attendees will be spending Christmas alone this year so this meal is very important to alleviate loneliness and isolation levels amongst our older and elderly members.

**DECISION:**

**To provide funding of £432 to the above project.**

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**Reason for decision:**

CARM has been running since 1987, when we originally only provided Meeting Points, in order to provide friendship to older and elderly people who were lonely or isolated on Romney Marsh. Since then, we have expanded our services, but our Meeting Points continue to be an essential part of our work, as levels of loneliness are exacerbated with a lack of public transport, and as more families have to move away from the Marsh to find work, meaning family ties are broken. Loneliness is recognised as a national problem, as evidenced by the appointment of a Minister for Loneliness.

**Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:**

None

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**The decision set out above was made by me.**

**Signed:**



**28 November 2018**

**Councillor Clive Goddard  
Walland and Dengemarsh**