

Decision taken by: **Ward Member for New Romney – Councillor
Patricia Rolfe**

Subject: Kent Wildlife Trust

Executive/non-executive decision: Non-executive

Date decision taken: 19 February 2020

Name and address of applicant(s):

Dawn Apcar
Fifth Continent LPS Team,
Romney Marsh Visitor Centre
Dymchurch Road,
New Romney,
TN28 8AY

Name and description of project:

Engaging Tourism South East to deliver bespoke training to local businesses, community groups and volunteers, supporting them to communicate the rich history and culture of Romney Marsh, through Welcome Host presentation skills and incorporating the medium of story.

DECISION:

To provide funding of £250 to the above project.

Reason for decision:

Romney Marsh is a beautiful area with a rich heritage, yet it faces a number of challenges; In particular, it suffers from high unemployment; high levels of poor health and obesity and an above average elderly population. The charity CARM reports that residents can experience increased feelings of loneliness and isolation.

The Fifth Continent scheme is striving to engage as many local people and visitors as possible. Feedback from the project to date has been incredibly positive, and many local people are taking part in the opportunities created. For example, the scheme's Heritage projects have so far attracted three times (and in one case four times) the amount of anticipated volunteers.

We are always looking to engage more people and to connect them to their local area and community, which can bring many benefits. We want to leave a lasting legacy of enriched local knowledge and community momentum. Tourism South East training will help local businesses and groups to develop new and innovative ways to engage people and to showcase Romney and all it has to offer to locals and tourists alike.

Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:

Voluntary announcement of other interests.

The decision set out above was made by me.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia S. Rolfe". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Patricia" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Rolfe".

Signed:

19 February 2020

**Councillor Patricia Rolfe
New Romney Ward**