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DEVELOPING LOCAL VOLUNTARY ACTION

Two more three year pilot projects are to be set up under the scheme sponsored by the Home Office's Voluntary Services Unit (VSU) for the development of local voluntary action.

A Consultative Group was set up to advise the VSU on the administration of the scheme and on their recommendation six pilot projects were announced in July. It has now been agreed to add two further projects to complete the programme.

The two projects are:

HULL COMMUNITY RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The aim of the project is to create profit-making schemes which will generate revenue to fund services for the elderly, mentally ill and deprived groups. The VSU grant will provide a small amount of seed capital for new ventures and will cover the costs of a development officer with experience of business and organisational development.

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WILTSHIRE INFORMATION RESOURCE EXCHANGE (WIRE)

The purpose of this project is to improve the ability of intermediary voluntary organisations within Wiltshire to develop on a co-operative basis their roles as information and resource centres for voluntary organisations, community groups and

statutory agencies. Of particular interest will be the application of computer technology to the collection and retrieval of information. The VSU grant will pay for a project leader and meet essential computer hardware and software costs.

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NOTE TO EDITORS

The Home Secretary announced in May 1980 the scheme to stimulate new mechanisms for improving the range, quality and capacity of local voluntary activities concerned in a broad sense with personal and community welfare. The scheme is expected to cost approximately £160,000 a year for three years.