

Decision taken by: Ward Member for – Romney Marsh
Councillor Ian Meyers

Subject: JAM

Executive/non-executive decision: Non-executive

Date decision taken: 25 January 2022

Name and address of applicant(s):

Sarah Armitage
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Charing, Ashford, Kent TN27 0LS

Name and description of project:

Romney Marsh schools' afterschool singing - To support our weekly afterschool singing in Marsh schools from January, culminating in a vibrant free concert to families/friends/teachers in JAM on-the-Marsh in July at St Nicholas Church, New Romney.

DECISION:

To provide funding of £ 1000 to the above project.

Reason for decision:

Every week from early January, Lydd-based professional vocal tutor Rebecca Lodge will lead afterschool singing clubs at St Nicholas New Romney and Brookland primary schools. This weekly commitment will develop the children's skills, experience and confidence which have been significantly affected by Covid and lack of teaching ability in schools. Through fun yet structured exercises, Rebecca will teach the children fundamental skills including how to stand, breathe & warm-up, leading to the children learning to sing *Opening Night*, an amusing piece of 5 songs written for primary school children. Each song is in a different musical style including pop, jazz and classical. On 13th July, the children will come together in New Romney to rehearse then give a vibrant, united performance in JAM-on-the-Marsh to family and teachers, accompanied by the added sparkle and excitement of

top quintet Onyx Brass. After the performance, the children will have probably their first opportunities to hold brass instruments. This inspirational afternoon will be open to parents/families to come free of charge, ensuring access for all.

This project is the post-Covid re-start of JAM's long-term commitment to nurture aspirations and attainment, rekindle extra-curricular interests and skills, bring communities together and build foundations for life.

Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:

The decision set out above was made by me.

Signed:

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25 January 2022

**Councillor Ian Meyers
Ward – Romney Marsh**

