



News Release

Norfolk Community Groups receive cash boost

Community and voluntary groups across Norfolk have been given a financial boost with the latest grants awarded from The Bernard Matthews Fund, which is administered by the Norfolk Community Foundation.

Six grants totalling £10,985 were made in the latest round of awards since the Fund was launched in October 2009. The Fund is designed to help a wide range of rural charities and initiatives and has awarded grants of £70,000 to date.

A panel made up of Bernard Matthews staff, guided by the Norfolk Community Foundation, awarded grants to:

- £2,000 to **Carleton Rode Jubilee Hall in South Norfolk**, to develop the outdoor area adjacent to the hall to allow safe outdoor play and learning for the local preschool children's play group.
- £2,000 to **Great Witchingham Village Hall in Broadland**, to contribute to the costs of furnishing and equipping the new hall that has opened in the village.
- £1,985 to **Great Yarmouth & Waveney Mind** to establish a support group for parents/carers of young people with mental/emotional health needs.
- £2,000 to **The Lighthouse Charity in Attleborough** to continue and develop the work of Treasures, a project supporting isolated older people.
- £2,000 to **North Breckland Youth for Christ** to cover operational costs in opening two new youth cafes in Breckland villages.
- £1,000 to **FLY, the University of East Anglia's Festival of Literature for Young People**, to cover travel expenses for under privileged young people to travel from rural areas in Norfolk and Suffolk to the festival.

Andrew Sherwood, Human Resources Director at Bernard Matthews, commented: “Supporting groups located in the heart of our communities has always been important to Bernard Matthews and the fund is just one aspect of our commitment to corporate responsibility.

“The fund aims to give at a truly local level and make a real difference to community support projects such as Great Yarmouth & Waveney Mind and The Lighthouse Charity. These are worthy projects fulfilling vital roles within Norfolk.”

The Bernard Matthews Fund awards grants of up to £2,000 to support community groups working in Norfolk, North Suffolk, and Lincolnshire. To find out more information about the fund or how to apply for grants, visit www.norfolkfoundation.com/funds/bernard-matthews-fund.

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- Details of the Bernard Matthews Fund can be found on The Norfolk Community Foundation website at: www.norfolkfoundation.com/funds/bernard-matthews-fund