



News Release

Citizens Advice Mid Lincolnshire awarded £2,000 funding

The Boston office of Citizens Advice Mid Lincolnshire has received a £2,000 funding boost from the Bernard Matthews Fund, which is administered by the Norfolk Community Foundation.

The grant has been awarded to help promote Citizens Advice services to young people across the region.

The money will be used for publicity and promotional materials, plus travel costs to help staff can visit schools to promote the range of services offered.

“Boston has some of the most deprived wards in the UK and some of the lowest wage rates in the East Midlands. Many clients that come to the bureau have large debts, accommodation issues and low incomes. We often find the root cause is said to be the lack of appropriate information at the point at which they left mandatory education,” said Louise Wells from Citizens Advice Mid Lincolnshire.

“But thanks to this generous grant from the Bernard Matthews Fund we will now be able to reach out to more young people at key moments in their lives, before it’s too late.”

Five grants totalling £6,631 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 totalling nearly £80,000 to date.

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 the Citizens Advice Mid Lincolnshire Youth Advice project in Boston. This is a worthy project fulfilling a vital role within Lincolnshire.”

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