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COMMUNITY GROUPS GET CASH BOOST FROM BERNARD MATTHEWS FUND

Community and voluntary groups across Norfolk and Suffolk have been given a boost with the latest grants made from The Bernard Matthews Fund.

A panel made up of Bernard Matthews Farms staff, guided by the Norfolk Community Foundation which administers the Fund, have made four awards totalling £5,000. This is the second round of awards made since the Fund was launched with an initial injection of £49,000 in October last year and is designed to help a wide range of rural charities and initiatives.

The organisations receiving grants are:

- *£450 to Age Concern Norfolk, which promotes the wellbeing of older people to make later life more fulfilling and enjoyable. The money will purchase new equipment for the Denny Centre in Diss.*
- *£2,000 to the Dyspraxia Foundation West Norfolk, which operates a Saturday club for children aged 4-16 years old with dyspraxia. The grant will be used to pay for the renting of the venue at the North Lynn Discovery Centre so the club can continue for another year.*

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- **£1,200 to the Suffolk Family Carers, which raises awareness of family carers, their issues and needs. The grant will go towards holding a free one day event to provide information for the families of people who are experiencing mental health problems.**
- **£1,365 to the Taverham District Guides to purchase a range of equipment to enable the group to attend the Norfolk Jamboree Camp and other guiding events.**

Andrew Sherwood, Human Resources Director at Bernard Matthews Farms, said: “We have always been very active in supporting causes involving groups working in the heart of our communities. The Bernard Matthews Fund is just one aspect of our commitment to corporate responsibility and it has enabled us to continue focussing our giving at a truly local level.

“This is the second round of grants since the fund was launched, having already given £5,000 to five other organisations at the end of last year. We want to ensure that money goes to where it is needed most and consider every application for funding very carefully.”

More information about the Bernard Matthews Fund and full details of how to apply for future grants up to £2,000 are available from the Norfolk Community Foundation website at www.norfolkfoundation.com/Bernard-Matthews-Fund.htm

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