



Hazelwood School

Grants totalling over £8,000 were awarded to twelve local charities and organisations by the Hazelwood Community Fund this week. The share-out was the first of what is hoped to be an annual distribution of monies generated by the school's fund raising efforts.

The Community Fund was set up to mark the school's special 125th Anniversary celebrations in 2015 as a way of saying 'Thank you for having us' to the community of Oxted and surrounding villages. Funds were raised through a range of activities including a Year 8 car wash, the Hazelwood Parents' Association Summer Fun Day and the sale of nine very unique pieces of collaborative art created by pupils across the whole school.

A special Committee, made up of representatives from the community including County Border News' very own Kevin Black, met to consider the numerous grant applications which were received after the invitation to apply was issued in September.

Grants of up to £750 were awarded each to Oxted Cricket Club, Bloomin' Arts, Hurst Green Busy Bees pre-School, Edenbridge Piranhas Swimming Club, Tandridge pre-School, Oxted 1st Scouts Group, North Downs Community Orchestra, Unique, Oxted Young Persons' Theatre, Home Start East Surrey Limpsfield, St Peter's Church and East Park Riding for the Disabled.

The Committee were delighted to recognise the role that each successful organisation plays in the community, working amongst a range of get developing initiatives which educate and open up opportunity and new experience. The projects standing to benefit from Hazelwood's Community Fund occlude staff training, the purchase of much-needed equipment, the development of educational literature and the hosting of events to broaden members' horizons.

Lindie Louw, Head of Hazelwood, was delighted to be able to share news of the Community Fund distribution:

"At Hazelwood, we strive to promote our pupils' awareness of their position in local and global communities. The Community Fund allows us to do this. It is great to have been able to support so many worthy organisations . It is only a shame that we have had to disappoint those who were unsuccessful this time around. We hope they, and others, will apply for grants next year".