

£29,000 in council grants handed out to district's community and arts groups

NINETEEN community and voluntary groups in the Harrogate district are celebrating grants totalling £29,729.50 from Harrogate Borough Council's Community Chest.

Meanwhile, seven similar groups in the district have also received £6,000 from the council's Small Arts and Heritage grants.

The council set up the Community Chest funding stream in 2007 as part of plans to increase its support for the voluntary and community sector and since then over £100,000 has been awarded from this grant scheme.

This year Community Chest grants were made as follows:

£750 - Darley Playing Fields' Association.

£709 - Harrogate District Sports Council.

£1,007 - Tewit Youth Band.

£2,945 - Paperworks.

£1,000 - Polish Club.

£750 - Bay Horse Community Centre.

£3,000 - Birstwith Play Area Group.

£1,485 - Ripon Community Link.

£1,100 - Starbeck in Bloom.

£1,500 - Harrogate Harriers Juniors.

£3,000 - Fewston Parochial

Hall.

£1,050 - Knaresborough Celtic Football Club.

£400 - Harrogate Hockey Club.

£3,000 - The Almscliffe Hall.

£1,500 - Friends of All Saints' Church.

£1,372 - Circus of the Absurd.

£3,000 - Harrogate Hospital Radio.

£1,411 - Marton-le-Moor Meeting Room.

£750 - Hookstone Memorial Hall (Thornthwaite).

The council's Small Arts and Heritage Grant scheme was first set up in 2006 to provide a funding stream

for local organisations delivering small arts and heritage projects.

The 2010 grant scheme has awarded a total of £6,000 to the following groups:

£1,000 - Masham Arts Festival.

£1,000 - St Nicholas Festival Group.

£600 - North Stainley Sports and Recreation Trust.

£1,000 - Bad Apple Theatre Company Ltd.

£800 - Knaresborough Silver Band.

£1,000 - Friends of the Valley Gardens.

£600 - Ripon St Cecilia Society Limited.