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Youth Activity Scheme Receives Additional Cash Boost

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A scheme aimed at providing young people in Hailsham with opportunities to get involved in organised activities and to reduce boredom and antisocial behaviour, has received funding of £200 from the Hailsham Bonfire Society.

The cheque was presented by the Town Mayor on behalf of the Bonfire Society at its annual charity presentation held at the HMI Club in Hailsham this week.

Other funding recipients nominated and chosen by members include Hailsham Cricket Club, Demelza Hospice Care for Children, Care for the Carers and Hellingly Rugby Club.

A total of £1,100 was raised by the Society on their Bonfire Night event held in October by way of a street bucket collection, which was all donated to the aforementioned charities and community groups.

The funding was received by the Town Council's youth project services team and will be used to subsidise groups of young people between the ages of 11 and 17 taking part in various activities, as part of the Friday Night Project.

Andy Joyes, Youth Project Coordinator at Hailsham Town Council said, "We are delighted to receive this funding from the Bonfire Society and extremely grateful to them for supporting our important youth projects and activities in Hailsham and surrounding areas."

"Funding for our various youth projects is always needed to keep services running and to make sure that everyone gets the chance to use them. The young people who take part in Friday Night Project activities will benefit considerably from this donation."

A variety of activities for young people have been planned for the Friday Night Project in the coming months including soft-play at Knockhatch Adventure Park, dry-slope ski, skiing lessons and Ringo tobogganing at Knockhatch Ski Centre, ten-pin bowling at Freedom Leisure Centre and trampolining at Urban Jump in Heathfield.

The Friday Night Project, which is managed by Hailsham Youth Service, works in partnership with Hailsham Community College and Knockhatch to help create alternative recreational activities for young people on Friday evenings, will also continue to be a feature in young people's social events calendar for 2020.

"The Friday Night Project gives young people an opportunity to experience challenges of different recreational activities and prevent boredom, and I'm confident it will continue to be successful well into the future," said Town Mayor Councillor Paul Holbrook.

"The Friday Night Project is a classic example of partnership in the community and I'd like to thank our youth workers, volunteers and project partners for all the hard work put into organising these outings. Thanks must also be extended to Hailsham Bonfire Society for its generous donation of £200."

Further details, including bookings and programmes/activity schedules can be obtained by contacting Andy Joyes on 01323 841702 or by email: andy.joyes@hailsham-tc.gov.uk.

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