



## PRESS RELEASE

### Financial Assistance Grants to Loughton organisations

At the Annual Town Meeting on 16 March 2016, the Town Mayor presented certificates to 15 local organisations. These certificates confirmed the financial assistance grants awarded to Loughton groups to support the work they undertake in the community.

The Town Council recognises that Loughton voluntary organisations are the “glue” which held together the many community services available in the town. These are vital to the social wellbeing of many Loughton residents of all ages by providing activities that help in times of need and improve quality of life.

The community groups that received funds included the scouts for camping equipment, a contribution to the Loughton Youth Project to help towards running costs and craft material for toddler groups. The arts were also recognised with funds for the Creative Loughton Festival and The Loughton Festival and New Vistas a group which meets in the Loughton Club. Funds were awarded for other local services which would help local residents in times of crisis such as the Citizens Advice Bureau, Cruse Bereavement Care, Samaritans of Redbridge and St Clare Hospice.

A total of £28,300 has been awarded, however, there are still grant funds available as a small amount has been kept back to meet any emergency applications. Any Loughton-based community organisation in financial difficulties is asked to contact Loughton Town Council for an application form by telephoning the office on 020 8508 4200 or downloading from the website [www.loughton-tc.gov.uk](http://www.loughton-tc.gov.uk)

#### **Note to Editor:**

Budget for 16/17 for financial assistance applications is £35,500 which leaves £7,200 for emergency applications.

#### Photograph:

Loughton Town Mayor, Cllr Judy Jennings with representatives from Loughton community groups holding a “cheque” totally £28,300, which represents the total awarded so far.

#### Amounts granted to organisations:

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| Cruse Bereavement Care Essex Area       | 350.00   |
| Epping Forest Client Services Committee |          |
| Epping Forest Reuse                     | 350.00   |
| 7th Epping Forest Scouting Group        | 1,000.00 |
| Ignite                                  | 200.00   |
| Loughton Methodist Church               | 1,500.00 |

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| Loughton Youth Project                                  | 4,000.00  |
| New Vistas  | 300.00    |
| Reindeer Explorer Scout Unit                            | 500.00    |
| Restore Community Centre                                | 4,000.00  |
| Restore CC Loughton Youth Activities                    | 1,250.00  |
| Restore CC Noah's Ark Toddler Group                     | 900.00    |
| Revitalise Respite Holidays                             | 800.00    |
| Samaritans of Redbridge                                 | 400.00    |
| Spark   | 700.00    |
| St Clare Hospice  | 600.00    |
| The Loughton Festival                                   | 2,000.00  |
| Trinity Methodist Church                                | 700.00    |
| Voluntary Action Epping Forest                          | 750.00    |
| Epping Forest Citizens Advice Bureau<br>Loughton Branch | 8,000.00  |
|   | 28,300.00 |

For immediate release.

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