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**TENTH ANNIVERSARY:** (from left) Linda Rathbone and Marina Joyce of Caresco, Carl Lamb, managing director of Almary Green Investments, Barry Dupee and Pat Ayres of Caresco, Stephanie Clark, a Cambridgeshire-based Almary Green Investments consultant.

### Self-help group gets £500 donation

SAWTRY'S self-help community support group Caresco has been presented with a cheque for £500 by a grateful businessman.

The money was one of 18 donations to East Anglian charities and community groups in a £10,000 giveaway by Almary Green Investments.

The fund was set aside by Carl Lamb, managing director, to mark his firm's 10th anniversary. Awards have been distributed throughout Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire, where Almary Green's independent financial advisers are based.

"Life has treated me and my business extremely well," said Mr Lamb, whose head office is in Norwich. "I think it is right to share some of that fortune with people less fortunate than yourself - to make a difference in their lives."

Caresco treasurer Linda Rathbone added: "This donation is absolutely brilliant. It couldn't have come at a better time as we have had a three per cent cut in our grant support. The wonderful thing is that this money has no strings attached - we can use it just where it is needed most. To say we are grateful is an understatement."

Caresco was formed 30 years ago to ensure a number community support groups serving villages in a five-mile radius of Sawtry, including two day centres for elderly and vulnerable people, could continue. It also funds specialised community transport, a lunch club, coffee shop and nearly-new shop.

■ Caresco's annual general meeting takes place on Thursday, September 29, at the Caresco Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry, starting at 7.30pm.

### Appeal for raffle and auction prizes

A HUNTINGDONSHIRE charity that supports children's medical services in the district is appealing for raffle and auction prizes.

Dreamdrops, which provides equipment and funding for the children's ward and special care baby unit at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital, in Huntingdon, has a number of fundraising opportunities coming up - but needs public support.

Over the next few weeks the charity is holding a raffle at the concerts being staged by the Huntingdon Philharmonic Orchestra but needs quality prizes to offer in the raffle.

The first concert is at Hinchingsbrooke Performing Arts Centre on Sunday,

November 13, when the orchestra will be playing Mozart's 41st Symphony and a Requiem Mass.

Other concerts are planned for December 17 and at various dates in 2012.

Dreamdrops has a stall at the monthly St Ives Crafter fairs at the Free Church but after a few successful months the prizes are all but gone.

The next event is due to take place on Saturday, October 1, with others on November 5 and December 3.

A Dreamdrops spokesman said: "We are in very short supply of raffle prizes and would love to hear from anyone or any business who can provide us with some for these occasions.

"The money is put to a

very good cause and helps to supply equipment for sick children that the NHS would otherwise be unable to provide."

Dreamdrops will also be among the charities to benefit from next year's garden show at Abbots Ripton Hall, the home of Lord and Lady de Ramsey.

The charity has been asked to organise a silent auction and needs some special prizes for what could turn out to be a significant fundraiser.

**INFORMATION:** Anyone who can provide a raffle or auction prize can drop it into *The Hunts Post* offices at 30 High Street, Huntingdon, or contact Dreamdrops by e-mailing [Dreamdrops@ccs.nhs.uk](mailto:Dreamdrops@ccs.nhs.uk)

### Garden party launches new charity

MORE than 40 people attended a garden party in Godmanchester at the weekend for the launch of Huntingdon's newest charity organisation.

Hullabaloo, which is aiming itself at 'fun-loving charitables', has been set up to be a social club that does charity events, rather than a charity that does social events, according to the organisers.

Its main charity event to date will be the Huntingdon 10K Charity Run, which was established in 2010 and was organised by Rotary. Other events are planned including a town quiz on Wednesday, October 26, at the

George Hotel in Huntingdon.

Hullabaloo will also offer a less formal membership than some other long established organisations and is looking for men and women prepared to 'roll their sleeves up' when the occasion demands it rather than being obliged to attend regular meetings.

Members pay a subscription of £20 a year that will keep them up to date with forthcoming events, social and fundraising.

**INFORMATION:** Further details about the new club are available on [www.hillabaloo-hunts.org](http://www.hillabaloo-hunts.org). Meetings are on Wednesday evenings at the George Hotel from 6.30pm.