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An anniversary financial boost for worthy causes

A NORWICH businessman has given away £10,000 to good causes to mark his firm's 10th anniversary.

Eighteen East Anglian organisations are benefiting from a financial boost thanks to the fund which was set up by Carl Lamb, managing director of Almary Green Investments based at the Meridian Business Park.

Among those to benefit are the Whitlingham Boathouses Trust, the 222 (Broadlands) Sqn Air Cadets, Harford Manor School and Asperger East Anglia.

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

He added: "My colleagues and I at Almary Green are delighted we can celebrate our decade of success by making a contribution to a community which has supported us."

Mr Lamb, who chaired the selection committee, said Almary Green had received 55 nominations for awards after announcing his plans in the spring and the committee had a tough time deciding who would receive funding.

The awards were presented at a reception in the Hostry at Norwich Cathedral on Monday followed by another reception in Cambridge on Wednesday for winners in the Cambridgeshire area.

Whitlingham Boathouses Foundation, based near Norwich, received £2,000 towards the purchase of an adaptive scull suitable for disabled and novice rowers.

David Ashcroft, from the



CASH BONANZA: From left, R Almary Green managing director Carl Lamb, Ken Gaylard from the Excelsior Trust, Ali Pendle from the Whitlingham Boathouses Foundation and Abi Simpson from 222 (Broadlands) Sqn Air Cadets.

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If it's not an emergency, here's a new police number

A NEW non-emergency police number is set to be launched next month.

A single non-emergency number for the police was previously being considered by the government and is now being progressed by the current administration during 2011-12.

The current non-emergency numbers (which include 0845 456 4567 for Norfolk) are to be replaced by the 101 number which will be implemented nationally from south to north in phases and is due to go live in Norfolk and Suffolk at the beginning of October.

It is hoped that the new number will provide improved public access to the police non-emergency services across the country.

When a caller dials 101, including from a mobile phone, they will firstly be offered contact with their home force.

They will then be offered a choice of the main two border forces or a choice to speak to an operator to select a different force.

Foundation, said: "It is very exciting to be given this award and we are very grateful.

"It will open doors to people who couldn't otherwise take part in a sport which is so good for people of all ages, all levels of ability and disability and all backgrounds."

The 222 (Broadlands) Sqn Air Cadets, based at Hoveton, will put their £750 award towards an activity week in Snowdonia National Park during the October half-term.

Media communications officer Sarah Batch said: "This donation is wonderful, absolutely wonderful. It is a massive chunk towards what we need to raise for the week away."

Other organisations to benefit include the Norfolk branch of the Women's Royal Army Corps Association (£250), the Norwich-based St Vincent de Paul Society which

provides friendship and aid for lonely and elderly people (£500), Asperger East Anglia (£500) and the Norfolk Deaf Association (£500). Hillside Avenue School Nursery, in Norwich, received £225 towards new play equipment, Harford Manor's After School Club was given £250, Thetford-based Fulmerston Family and Community Project has been awarded £500 and the Teenage Cancer Trust £750.

East Anglia's Children's Hospices at Quidenham will use a £500 award to refurbish a playroom. A £1,000 award has been made to the Lowestoft-based Excelsior Trust which enables young people to work as part of the crew of the fishing vessel on sea trips, and the Beccles-based Waveney Stardust project, which helps disabled and elderly people enjoy the Norfolk and Suffolk waterways, gained £300.

Get a move on to help celebrations

CALLS are being made for people to pledge to become more active in the run-up to next year's Olympics.

To celebrate the London Olympics and Paralympics, Active Norfolk set up Norfolk Pledge 2012 in a bid to get 2,012 people to sign up to take up a new sport or activity. The pledge can be anything from simply committing to take regular exercise to healthy eating or doing something specific like taking up a new sport.

Everyone making a pledge will be emailed a own unique numbered Pledge block. The blocks will feature the photos and videos they upload with their pledges and their face will become part of Norfolk's 2012 Flag.

● To register, go to <http://pledge2012.com/default.asp>

Students find a voice with radio station

STUDENTS are taking over the airwaves following the launch of a new radio station.

City College Norwich went live on its new radio station CCN Live on Monday with listeners tuning in from around the world.

The station has been set up in partnership with Norwich-based Miles and Pond and is delivered by New School Media and Live. CCN Live Radio broadcasts the latest DJ shows straight to a PC or mobile device. Former Kiss Radio DJ Thomsta - Nathan Thomas - presents the Fresh Breakfast show and was joined this week by Kaz Carter.

The breakfast show runs from 7am to 9am and a drive time show Drive Home with Thomsta from 3pm to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

The entire station is run and managed by students and industry specialists and there will soon be radio show presented by City College Norwich students during the day.

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