

COMMUNITY NEWS

Support group celebrating £500 donation from investment firm

SAWTRY'S innovative self-help community support group, Caresco Ltd, has been presented with a welcome cash boost by a grateful businessman.

Caresco, which has been given £500, is one of 18 East Anglian charities and community groups which have benefited from £10,000 worth of cash awards given away this week by Almary Green Investments.

Other Cambridgeshire causes to benefit from the Almary Green giveaway include Cambridge Family Mediation Services and the Teenage Cancer Trust unit at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

The £10,000 fund was set aside by Carl Lamb, managing director of Almary Green, 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."

Awards were presented during receptions at the Oak Bistro, Cambridge and at the Hostry at Norwich Cathedral.

Caresco treasurer Linda Rathbone commented: "This donation is absolutely



Big money: 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.

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brilliant. It couldn't have come at a better time as we have had a 3% 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 is an umbrella charity which is at the hub of Sawtry village life. It was formed 30 years ago to ensure the continuity of a number of existing

community support groups serving villages in a five-mile radius of Sawtry. It has a satellite operation in nearby Alconbury.

From its premises near the Sawtry parish council offices, Caresco supports two day centres for elderly and vulnerable people, funds specialised community transport, a lunch club, coffee shop and nearby new shop – as well as producing its own community magazine, the Sawtry Eye.

Recycling advice is passed on

MEMBERS heard about recycling at the monthly meeting of Huntingdon Darby and Joan Club.

The speaker was Mr Mark Shelton, who spoke about the future of recycling in Cambridgeshire. Members felt they had gained a lot of useful information.

Anne Wallis had opened the meeting with various business items and mentioned the forthcoming coach trip to the Peterborough Ice Show, which always proves popular. This is to be held on February 2.

The annual Harvest Lunch is to be held on October 5 in the Parish Hall.

Members were also asked to bring produce for the usual harvest stall towards club funds.

Arrangements are now being made for the annual coffee morning to be held in Commemoration Hall, High Street, Huntingdon, on Saturday, November 5.

If you are interested in the club, ring Anne on Huntingdon 458935.



World in miniature: visitors to last year's show.

Modellers to gather for 17th public show

BRAMPTON Scale Model Club will be holding its 17th annual show at the Burgess Civic Hall, St Ives, on Sunday.

From modest beginnings in the old St Ives Corn Exchange, the show has become the largest and longest established event of this kind in the east of England and is highly regarded within the UK modelling fraternity.

Scale models of all types will be on

display, from aircraft and vehicles to ships, animals, figures, sci-fi characters and dioramas and vignettes.

The displays will fill the hall and feature model clubs, specialist groups and traders from East Anglia, the Midlands and London and the Home Counties.

The popular Dragon Hunt for children will be run again this year. The show will be open to the public from 10am

to 4pm. Entrance is £1.50 for adults and 50p for children, senior citizens and students.

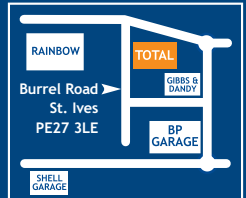
The club has traditionally supported local charitable organisations and proceeds from this year's show will go to the Papworth Hospital Charity. For more information call Alec on (01480) 896949 or go on line at www.bramptonscalemodelclub.fsnet.co.uk



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