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Fair Share of Festive Fun for Parnwell

Christmas has come early for Parnwell residents, with the National Lottery's Fair Share programme hosting a Christmas party for the whole community this Saturday.

Parnwell's Community House, home of 'The Positively Parnwell Project', funded by the Fair Share Programme, will throw open its doors to the local community. The party will feature festive fun for all the family, including Christmas music and games as well as Christmas food and drinks. What's more, Father Christmas will be coming along to the event, with children having the opportunity to visit his Grotto to tell him what they are wishing for this Christmas and also to receive a Christmas gift.

The Christmas party is just one of many events funded by the National Lottery's Fair Share programme. The Christmas party follows a successful Christmas bazaar, which included the sale of hand-made crafts and knitted items made by local people and also recycled children's toys and clothing, with proceeds contributing to the Parnwell Community House fund to support further community events.

The Fair Share programme, set up in 2003 as part of a national initiative to ensure that all areas of the country benefit from National Lottery funds, contributes to many activities and events in Parnwell, and also to community projects, such as the recently completed Parnwell Community Centre Garden. Fair Share programme events for the New Year include free courses on food safety, forklift driving and First Aid, as well as many more.

Emily Barber is Community Development Co-ordinator for Parnwell, a post funded by Fair Share. Emily said, "This is a fantastic opportunity for the Parnwell community to come together to celebrate Christmas. It is wonderful that funding from Lottery's Fair Share Programme allows us to offer joyful events such as this to local people, as well as the funding for educational activities and training."

For further information on The Positively Parnwell Project and their activities and events contact Emily Barber on 01733 342184 or e-mail emily.barber@accentnene.org

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Notes to Editors:

The Christmas party is taking place on **Saturday 13 December**, from **1pm-3pm** at **Community House, 74 Whittington, Parnwell**. You are invited to send a photographer/ reporter to the event.

The National Lottery's Fair Share programme aims to distribute Lottery generated funds into communities that have received less than their fair share of Lottery funding through individual grants. Parnwell is one of those areas. Set up in 2003, Parnwell's Fair Share fund will see over £800,000 distributed for projects related to community empowerment, the environment and community safety over a ten year period.

The Parnwell Fair Share programme is managed by the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation who work with a panel of local people. The Parnwell panel is chaired by Shelagh Smith, managing director of Greenwoods Solicitors.

The programme has already delivered significant benefits for the people and communities of Peterborough, including

- Funding a number of environmental projects involving local people in their planning and delivery
- Installing/upgrading bus shelters and re-routing bus routes to improve accessibility
- Supporting older people in Parnwell, including facilitating the Parnwell friendship group
- Community gardens, including a rockery at the Parnwell Centre
- Delivering youth work in the area, and forming the Parnwell Kru
- Establishing a Parnwell newsletter

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