



Lottery money where it's needed most

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Parnwell gets it Fair Share (Again) for Christmas!

The National Lottery's Fair Share programme once again showed its support for the people of Parnwell as Parnwell Community House threw open its doors on Thursday 20 November, to host this year's Christmas bazaar.

The bazaar included a variety of stalls run by local residents, including members of Parnwell Knitting Club who sold some of their handy-work. Jewellery made by local people was also on offer, as well as hand-made crafts and cards. The owners of Community House, Home Housing Association, also had a stall at the event. What's more donated recycled children's clothing and toys were sold at the bazaar, with proceeds contributing to the Parnwell Community House fund.

The bazaar was just one of many events put on by The Positively Parnwell Project, an initiative funded by the National Lottery's Fair Share programme. 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.

Parnwell Community House is the home of The Positively Parnwell Project, where many of the Fair Share Programme funded activities and classes for local residents take place. Future events include free courses on food safety, forklift driving and First Aid courses and also a Christmas Party on 13 December.

Emily Barber, from Accent Nene Ltd is Community Development Co-ordinator for Parnwell, a post which is funded by Fair Share. Emily said, "Without the Lottery's Fair Share Programme these wonderful events could not happen. It is fantastic that we can offer activities and training to Parnwell residents, and all for free too! The money we raise at the bazaar will help us to continue to offer services to the local community."

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 bazaar is taking place on **Thursday 20 November**, from **12noon-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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