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PRESS RELEASE

CURTAIN UP FOR YOUTH THEATRE GROUP

The show will go on for Ventnor based Invent Theatre, thanks to a £1,800 grant from the Isle of Wight Community.

The grant, one of £20,000 awarded at the latest Grassroots Grant panel, will be used by the group to take their latest play 'The Button Box' across the Island. The production will be written, produced, directed and performed by the young members of the group. In fact every role both on and off the stage is carried out by the youngsters who are aged between 10 and 18. Jack Whitewood who wrote and directed the play says "the production uses the Island as inspiration and hopefully will showcase the dedication and passion of everyone involved."

In total 9 groups received funding, in the last round, including the East Cowes Victoria Community Amateur Sports Club who will use their £5,000 towards developing a new smaller pitch so they can start up 6 youth and girls teams. "There is a lack of football facilities in the area and we are constantly being asked for a pitch suitable for younger players" says Geoff Thomas, treasurer for the club. "This project will greatly increase the number of young people regularly playing football and in turn benefit the wider community as a whole."

A £4,000 grant to the Ryde Cavaliers Cricket Club will support their 'a years cricket for a fiver' scheme. Open to boys and girls under 15 it will offer weekly summer and fortnightly winter coaching.



The Young Arthritis Support group will be able to continue its highly successful Green Works Project after receiving a grant of almost £4,000. The scheme is based at Kitbridge Farm and works with excluded young people with disabilities focusing on what they can do and not what they can't do, through teaching traditional methods of nature conservation and management.

Other groups who received funding include West Wight Floral Society, Isle of Wight Special Olympics and Isle of Wight Scottish Fiddlers.

Whether it's helping local clubs get hold of new kit, coaching new volunteers or simply giving the village hall a fresh lick of paint, Grassroots Grants aim to make a real and immediate difference. Grants are available from between £250 to £5,000. Take a look at the Isle of Wight Community Fund website to see if you might qualify for a Grassroots grant www.hantscf.org.uk/iwcf or email IWCF at infograssroots@hantscf.org.uk.

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IWCF Info

The Isle of Wight Community Fund has been established by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation and the Isle of Wight Charitable Trust. IWCF raise



funds and distribute grants across the Island for the benefit of local communities and works to encourage local giving for local needs.

HIWCF Info

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation (HIWCF) is an independent charitable trust that manages charitable giving on behalf of individuals, businesses and other trusts; distributes small grants to voluntary and community groups and organisations across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and promotes the benefits of “Investing in our local Community”.

HIWCF is the Local Funder for the Grassroots Grants programme which is funded by the office of the Third Sector and delivered by the Community Development Foundation. The maximum grant available to enable small, local community groups to continue or expand their work for local people is £5,000.