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Epping Forest residents donate over £1,700 to local charities through recycling scheme

An Epping Forest recycling scheme has boosted the local community with a charity donation of £1,750 as a prize for top recycling communities.

Epping Forest Recycling Rewards has rewarded residents for their positive actions taken in 2020 by awarding winning teams a donation to their chosen charity.

Throughout the year, residents of Epping Forest have been competing to improve the quantity and quality of their recycling in their local community. For each positive action, residents are awarded Green Points and can win monthly prizes or donations for their favourite charities. This year has seen residents complete a record-breaking 5,000 positive actions through themes of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle as well as a Food Waste Challenge.

Since 2017, Epping Forest Recycling Rewards has enabled 1,500 properties across selected blocks of flats to compete against each other to improve the local environment and community.

After a well-fought competition, community members, local Councillors and charity representatives came together for a virtual charity donation awards presentation to celebrate the community projects and local charities in Epping Forest.

First place winner, Team Theydoin Bois, chose to donate £700 to Epping Forest Community Transport. Coming in second place, Team Ongar donated £550 to domestic abuse support service, Safer Places. Third place team, Waltham Abbey, have donated £325 to Chigwell Riding Trust, a riding centre for those with special needs. In fourth place, Buckhurst Hill donated £175 to Epping Forest Foodbank.

Deborah Hall, Manager, Chigwell Riding Trust says: "We are delighted to receive this donation from Epping Forest Recycling Rewards. This donation will help us buy the most important thing for horses and ponies: their hay! Pre-COVID19 we have around 160 riders at our centre every week, and donations like this are crucial to help us provide these experiences for those with special needs in Chigwell."

David Marsh, Waste and Recycling Manager, Epping Forest District Council, says: "It's been brilliant to see our resident's enthusiasm for the Recycling Rewards programme. By taking part not only are they are doing their bit to recycle more, but they are generating vital donations for local causes. Through the programme we have improved the quality of the recycling in Epping Forest and, thanks to these donations, the quality of our local community."

Epping Forest Recycling Rewards is provided by Jump in partnership with Epping Forest District Council. Jump is the leading supplier of sustainability and wellbeing engagement programmes in the UK.

Graham Simmonds, Chief Executive, Jump says: "We're so impressed by the Epping Forest resident's commitment to increasing the amount of recycling and reducing contamination in their community.



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“They have shown the power of working together to improve local communities through regular, positive actions. This is at the heart of what we do at Jump, and we are delighted that Recycling Rewards can benefit the whole community by giving back to such worthwhile projects.”

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