Support for bereavement charity

A local charity which helps to support families affected by bereavement will receive a cheque for £4,333 from Mintlyn Crematorium on Friday 24 May.

Mintlyn Crematorium belongs to a scheme, operated by the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM), where metal from medical implants is recycled after cremation, with the consent of the family of the deceased. Each year the institute asks its members to nominate a local charity, which helps to support people to cope with the death, to receive a donation.

Last year two donations, totally £9,000, were presented to SANDS Stillborn and Neonatal Death Society.

This year, Borough Mayor, Cllr Elizabeth Watson, will present a cheque for £4,333 to Friends in Bereavement secretary Gillian Porter and chairman, Ray Thornalley.

Borough Mayor, Cllr Elizabeth Watson, said: "I am so pleased to be able to present this cheque to the Friends in Bereavement charity. Any support that we can give to the families who are experiencing the devastating effect of the death of a close relative, be it parent, husband, wife or child has our sympathy and this money can go towards offering them some real help when it is needed."

Mr Thornalley, said: "Thank you for choosing the Friends in Bereavement as being worthy of the magnificent donation of £4,333.00.

"Friends in Bereavement, a registered charity, was established about 15 years ago, and throughout that time has helped many hundreds of local bereaved folk come to terms with their loss, by using well-trained volunteers who give their time and expertise freely. We pride ourselves in being available at short notice when called upon by a grieving person and we have gained a reputation for offering a reliable and invaluable service to people in West Norfolk, so once again, on behalf of the Chair and volunteers, many thanks for believing in us by donating this money to the charity."

Cllr Adrian Lawrence, Cabinet Member for Community, said: “Anyone who has been
touched by bereavement understands the terrible effect it can have on families. We are pleased that we can in some small way support the work of the Friends in Bereavement, who provide invaluable support to West Norfolk families coping with the death of a loved one."

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Photograph/interview opportunity, Friday 24 May Mintlyn Crematorium, 9.30 am.

Borough Mayor Cllr Elizabeth Watson will present the cheque to Friends in Bereavement secretary Gillian Porter and chairman, Ray Thornalley at 9.30 am on Friday 24 May at Mintlyn Crematorium.

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