CHARITY RECEIVES A BOOST OF MORE THAN £4,000

A popular charity which provides palliative care for people with life-limiting illnesses in Tendring has received a welcome cash boost of more than £4,000.

St Helena Hospice meets the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of patients, their families and carers across North East Essex and parts of mid Essex.

It was chosen to receive the money which has come from recycling metals from crematoria throughout the country.

It was nominated to receive £4,334 which is the share of the windfall from Tendring District Council’s (TDC) Weeley Crematorium.

Each year the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management – which receives the proceeds nationwide – hands out the money to chosen charities.

In the past Weeley Crematorium has also supported East Anglia Children’s Hospice and Cruse Bereavement Care.

This time the money will go to St Helena Hospice’s Day Centre in Jackson Road, Clacton, to help support its valuable work.

Catherine Venables, Community Fundraiser, said: “In the last financial year it cost around £6 million to provide our services to the local community.

“Only £1 of every £3 we spend on patient services comes from NHS; we rely on our community to fund the rest. Donations such as these really do make a great difference to us.

“A huge thanks to Weeley Crematorium for their support.”

Nick Turner, TDC’s Cabinet Member for the Environment and Coast Protection, said the money has gone to a very worthwhile cause which helps so many people across Tendring.

“The hospice touches the lives of many of our residents, those with advanced illnesses, their relatives and friends,” he added.

“I am delighted that we have chosen them to receive this money as they thoroughly deserve it and will put it to such good use.”

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PHOTO

Nick Turner, TDC’s Cabinet Member for Environment and Coast Protection, presents a cheque for £4,334 to Catherine Venables (right), St Helena Hospice’s Events and Community Fundraiser, with Clare Thompson, TDC’s Bereavement Services Manager.