

Press Release

**Local Charities awarded grants in memory of Geoffrey Watling**

At the September meeting of the Trustees of the Geoffrey Watling Charity local causes were awarded grants totaling almost £250,000.

Grants were made to the Norwich Theatre Royal appeal, The City of Norwich School DraMus project, Norfolk and Norwich Heritage Trust, for Dragon Hall, and to Macmillan Cancer Support to help fund the post of a Skin Cancer nurse specialist at Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital.

Funds have been offered to the North East Norfolk 1st Rural Scout Group towards their project to purchase their headquarters at Roughton Mill, while awards have also been made to the All Saints Centre in Norwich, to provide a new heating system, Thorpe St Andrew School Development Trust, towards the new Design & Technology Centre of Excellence, and to Norfolk Community Foundation.

Other recipients were Youth for Christ in east Norfolk and mid Norfolk, the Norwich and District Carers' Forum, the Wymondham, Attleborough & District Citizens Advice Bureau, Football in the Community, the Off the Record Counselling Service and the Magdalene Group.

The Trustees meet quarterly to consider applications from charities and charitable organisations in the Norwich and Waveney Valley of Suffolk area and since the death of Mr. Geoffrey Watling in 2004 have awarded grants totaling almost £1.65m.

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Note for Editors

The Geoffrey Watling Charity was established by Mr. Watling in 1993 and during his lifetime distributed grants to a number of local charities and good causes in the area. Following his death in 2004 a substantial part of his estate was bequeathed to the Charity which awards grants to local charities and charitable organisations. Further information can be found on the Charity's website at [www.geoffreywatling.org.uk](http://www.geoffreywatling.org.uk)