

## **School Raises £1,000 for Truro Charity**

A parents' group at local independent school Polwhele House has raised £1,000 for homelessness charity, Truro Homeless Action Group (THAG), just in time for Christmas.

The Polwhele House Society is made up of a network of representatives who help welcome new families into the school community.

They meet regularly at the Truro school and run a hugely successful calendar of events including bazaars, Easter egg hunts, discos, cocktail nights and casino evenings to raise funds for the local community.

This year, the Polwhele House Society has chosen THAG as the recipient of their fundraising; the organisation works tirelessly to offer Truro's homeless a cooked breakfast, a cup of tea, and a friendly chat - every morning of the week and every day of the year.

Dina Croft from the Polwhele House Society is pleased to be able to help, saying: "The Polwhele House Society is keen to convey a feeling of community which extends beyond just parents, pupils and teachers of the school. We enjoy holding events throughout the year in order to raise money for the benefit of the school and the local community, especially our Polwhele House Society Ball which was really well attended.

"THAG was a cause we were particularly pleased to contribute to and are delighted to be able to present them with a cheque for £1,000. These results were achieved thanks to generous ongoing support for the Polwhele House Society - we hope this will continue in the future."

Michaela McConville, Chair of Truro Homeless Action Group explained how the donation will benefit them this year:

“We are delighted to have been the recipient of funds from the Polwhele House Society this year. The winter months are hardest for those struggling, especially during the festive season. This year, as always we are holding a Christmas Day and a Boxing Day Lunch, the donation has helped immensely with our Thermal Thursdays – where we supply winter clothing, sleeping bags, flasks, waterproofs, coats, etc, to our guests; along with Christmas food supplies and the upkeep of the hall which we use every day – the donation could not have come at a better time.”

Polwhele House is located just outside of Truro and educates children aged 3 to 13, including all of Truro Cathedral’s boy choristers.

Community spirit is at the heart of Polwhele House’s ethos, and is a part of the school’s curriculum and learning environment.

Alex McCullough, Headmaster at Polwhele House, said:

“Community is a huge part of life here at Polwhele House and the children regularly take part in events such as the Truro City of Lights festivities and visit Truro Day Centre to sing to the elderly every year. We also teach the children about various roles within the community through events like our ‘People Who Help Us Day’, making this an important feature of their learning experiences. We are glad to extend this through our Polwhele House Society and the events they run, resulting in a fantastic contribution to this worthy cause.”

For more info on Polwhele House and the Polwhele House Society, visit

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