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BUILDING SOCIETY HELPS PRE SCHOOLERS WITH BOOKS

PRE-SCHOOL children in West Hallam are enjoying some brand new books – thanks to a £300 grant from The Loughborough.

The Community Pre-School was awarded the money through the building society's Community Matters cash awards scheme.

And now all the children at the Pre-School, based at the Community Centre, in Station Road, West Hallam, are enjoying a range of new story sacks.

These include the Very Hungry Caterpillar story sack and Handa's Surprise story sack as well as some story puppets.

Linda McCausland, Community Pre-School senior supervisor, said: "We are delighted to have these new resources for the children at Pre- School and would like to thank The Loughborough for their generous grant.

"We really appreciate any help from local businesses as we are a charity and their help goes a long way."

Fiona Wilkinson, branch manager at The Loughborough, said: "Groups like this play an important role in bringing people together within the local community and it's clear that parents and carers work hard to raise funds needed on an ongoing basis. We're really pleased that our award has made a difference and we hope the children will enjoy all the new stories."

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For more information contact the Pre-School on 07812702167.





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Notes for Editors:

- A Community Matters award from The Loughborough is available to any local worthwhile group or charity whose aim is to make a positive difference to the community. The awards are given three times a year and cash amounts of up to £500 are available per organisation. (The panel welcomes detailed costings and information about the project and its effect on the community.) The closing date for the next round of awards is 31 August 2009. For more information or an application form please call into your local Loughborough Building Society branch or visit www.theloughborough.co.uk
- The Community Pre-School, based at the Community Centre in West Hallam, is a registered charity established over 25 years ago.
- We currently accommodate over 50 children aged two to five years. We run five Mixed Age sessions, two Peer Group sessions for those ready to start school the following year, and a Rising 3s session for the little ones.
- We have six fully qualified, dedicated and friendly members of staff and are run by a voluntary management committee, mainly made up of parents, which is supported by a paid administrator.
- We have recently added the incredibly popular outdoor play area to the premises and pre-school is going from strength to strength. This is largely due to the many successful fundraising activities we have organised over the last few years, without which we would not be able to survive.
- We are a member of the Pre School Learning Alliance (PLA) and we were one of the first pre-schools in Derbyshire to be awarded accredited status. We received a “good” outcome at our last Ofsted inspection.



The Accreditation Scheme

