

Community groups receive slice of £10,000 Post and



In the money: Representatives of all the groups gather after the awards

It happened for us

FIFTEEN community groups and individuals were this week presented with cash awards as part of our **Let's Make It Happen** campaign.

Groups from all walks of life, including a war widows' association, youth clubs, disabled charities and sports groups were given a slice of the £10,000 community fund set aside by Combined Insurance in association with the *Evening Post*.

The awards and plaques, which were presented by Combined Insurance boss Clive Robinson and local entertainer Fred Wedlock, ranged from £250 to £1,000.

Mr Wedlock forfeited his fee and donated it to his own charity, St John Ambulance.

Mr Robinson said: "We wanted to invest in the community where we do business. That's why we teamed with the *Evening Post* to do something for groups who find it hard to get funding."

Among the groups to gather at the Jurys Hotel in Prince Street on Wednesday

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night was the The Bristol branch of the War Widows Association of Great Britain, which received £500 to take its 40 members on a day trip.

● The Prison Me No Way project, which is run by the No Way Trust, received £825 to organise a presentation by prison officers in a Bristol school and show youngsters the harsh reality of prison life in an attempt to stop them from committing crime.

● Lazer, a Brislington group based at the United Reformed Church at the junction of Wick Road and Bath Road, offers a place where boys and girls aged 11 to 17 can meet and take part in various activities.

It received £600 to revamp its "chill-out" area.

● A £390 award went to the Willow Tree, an organisation which provides impartial information about pregnancy, to pay for two volunteers.

● The Frenchay CoE



Primary School received £290 to buy a foldaway slide and help build operational play facilities.

● The family of cerebral palsy woman Kelly Adams was awarded £1,000 to fund part of the building of a soft, lights and stimulation room in the garage at their Hartcliffe home.

This will give Kelly, aged 27, things to do when the weather is not sunny enough.

● The Hop, Skip and

Jump charity received £900 to provide 60 hours of counselling for parents visiting the centre.

● And the Hartcliffe Early Years Centre was awarded £500 to print 1,500 calendars that will help the group promote breastfeeding in the area.

● The Nutfield Grove Playgroup received £500 to revamp its 20-year-old play group and turn it into a full all-weather facility.

● Studland Court Elderly Persons' Dwelling received £350 to turn a patch of scrubby area into a rest area with flowers, a garden and benches for elderly people to use.

● The Whitefield Players, a drama group based at the Horfield United Reformed Church received £1,000 to buy a garage to store its stage props and decors.

● And the Pride of Bristol winterguard dance group received £500 to buy equipment for its 40 members.

● The Patchway/Bradley Stoke Football Initiative received £445 to take its young members for a coaching day at Bristol Rovers where they will meet the players.

● The Warmley Park Special Needs School got £1,000 to build an all-weather play area for children.

● The Crusaders Cheerleaders group, based at Monks Park School in Horfield, received £1,000 to buy special mats from America which will help the UK champions train for more acrobatic stunts.

Stan Szczowka, deputy editor of the *Evening Post*, said: "We were overwhelmed by the response we received from groups in the community. "We could easily have given £100,000."

"The groups who received an award are the perfect example of great community work. We hope this money will help them fulfil their dreams."



War Widows:

Clive Robinson, right, and Fred Wedlock with Jackie Naysmith

Combined Insurance handout



Pride of Bristol: Bridget Coulter, Sharon Doane and Tracie Bennett



Prison Me No Way: Leita Temple, Ann Carpenter and Jim Thomas



Lazer: Alex Wells (left) and Paul Wells receive their cheque for £600



Willow Tree: Joy Fussell and Anna Blaber with Fred and Clive



Frenchay C of E Primary School: Liz Edwards and Hilary Brown



Kelly Adams Activity Room fund: Tracy Adams and Patricia Adams



Hop Skip and Jump: Jenny Knibbs and Shirley Carmichael



Crusaders: Sarah Parker, Rebecca Parker, Stephanie Linsdale and Francis Brady



Nutfield Grove Playgroup: Sharon Holder and Anna Curry



Hartcliffe Early Years Centre: Fran Wood, Debbie Bailey, Sam Grant and Claire Stoneham



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Studland Court Elderly Persons' Dwelling: Paul Watson and Patricia Watson



Whitefield Players: Dennis Kinnersley, Alison Kinnersley and Tracy Rogers



Patchway/Bradley Stoke Football Initiative: Andrew White receives the



Warmley Park Special Needs: Clare Stevens, Kim McNamara and Anne Berrow