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Grant Helps Community Group Take Days Out From Wor Hoose

Families using a Newcastle community centre have been getting out and about with the help of a £500 grant from Newcastle Building Society.

The Wor Hoose Community Project in Walker has used the money to help fund a number of bus trips out for its members to several different destinations, including Flamingoland in North Yorkshire, South Shields beach and the Sunderland Air Show.

The Wor Hoose scheme has been running since 1998 and offers a wide range of support, advice, training and activities to local young people, families and pensioners, in an area where there is a significant amount of long-term unemployment.

Wor Hoose is based in two converted council houses on the Hexham Avenue housing estate and run by a committee of local volunteers.

Activities include 'Learning Together' workshops in basic skills, food hygiene, ICT and confidence building, a healthy lunch club, residents support network, a gardening group and parents and toddler group also run weekly.

Project manager Liz Coates says: "For many families in our area, the cost of days out is something they often can't afford, so it's been great for us to be able to organise these trips, which everyone's really enjoyed.

"We're very grateful to the Newcastle for the support it has given us this year, and even though we got fogged off at the Air Show, everyone still had a great time!"

Nicola Green, Corporate Communications Manager at Newcastle Building Society, adds: "Volunteer groups are the backbone of many communities in our region, and their work makes a huge positive difference to their respective areas, so we're very pleased to have been able to help the Wor Hoose project organise what sound like some great days out."

Newcastle Building Society and its members support many charities and worthwhile causes across the region every year, through the Newcastle Building Society Fund administered by the Community Foundation serving Tyne & Wear and Northumberland.

Projects need to be based within an area where the Newcastle has a branch presence, and grant application information can be found on Newcastle Building Society's website (www.newcastle.co.uk). For further general information, please call Su Legg at the Community Foundation on 0191 222 0945.

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