



Hello everyone,

Christmas has been celebrated and we are now looking to the New Year. Last year demonstrated how much the project is appreciated – not just locally – but across the county and beyond. Just a month ago three of our team were invited by The Suffolk Foundation to a ceremony at the Apex in Bury St. Edmunds to receive an award of £10,000 from the Suffolk Foundation. This was in recognition of what the project has achieved thus far. With this, and our own funds, we hope to tackle some of the difficulties that family carers find in getting professional carers in our area. It topped out a year of awards including our winning of Suffolk Acre's Probert Cup, a Mid Suffolk District Council & Stowmarket Rotary's achievement award, and recognition in our own parish's community awards. It is a great encouragement to all who make up The Debenham Project – thank you.

We have also become known to other parishes and community organisations. It is great to know that other communities are exploring how they can help carers (and those they care for) and are using the project as an example.

This year will be no less busy as we continue to develop, but more of that in the coming months. In the meantime, if you would like to know more about The Debenham Project, please think about visiting our website [www.the-debenham-project.org.uk](http://www.the-debenham-project.org.uk) where you can access all our newsletters, and much more. If you are a bit unsure how to contact us on the web please call in at The Library Resource Centre, Cross Green, Debenham and ask Melanie or one of her staff to help you.

With my best wishes for a very happy New Year,

Lynden