



Hi everyone,

There are two words that are ever on the lips of those in government, local authorities, charitable foundations, public organisations, etc. when it comes to financially supporting community projects like ours. They are “value” and “sustainability”. Both are really tricky to evaluate and depend heavily on judgement and faith until there is a track record of success to look back on. I hope that after 15 years The Debenham Project has overcome those particular hurdles. Nevertheless, a track record in no way guarantees a project’s survival into the future. To do that means that we must also be “resilient”, open to “change”, to fresh ideas, and new faces, especially in our leadership. So, I am delighted to welcome the appointment of two new trustees.

Carol Garrett: Carol joined the Project before our "New Horizon" relaunch last year and since then managed the promotion of our services throughout our surrounding village communities and the local GP practices. Over the last few months she masterminded the creation of our latest achievement - the "Carers Directory of support and services”.

Tammy King: Over the years Tammy, and Ruby and the Angel, have been amazing supporters of The Debenham Project. I cannot sum the donations that have resulted from her efforts. I know just how much she can bring to the table - Personal experience, Business acumen, Philanthropy, and Simply Caring.

I cannot think of anyone that we could wish for more to join our team.

Speaking of the uncertainties of the future, we can be sure of one thing – the current and imminent economic picture will make for difficult times for all charities – increasing costs and reducing funding and private donations. The Debenham Project is in a better position than most to weather the storm thanks to the wonderful support and fundraising we enjoy from our community and beyond - Debenham Co-op Store – Coopersfield’s glass recycling – Ashfield Ladies Circle - Woodbridge Co-op Travel. Thank you so much for your donations received last month. Greatly appreciated.

As ever, if you know of someone who may need a bit of help caring for a loved one, friend or neighbour, please don’t hesitate to mention The Debenham Project to them.

With all my best wishes,

Lynden

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