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LOCAL CHARITIES BENEFIT FROM MALL'S FOUNTAIN FUND

Twelve local charitable organisations have been awarded grants by The Mall's Fountain Charity Fund.

At its first meeting to review grant applications, the Fund's Grants Panel agreed to provide four grants of £1,000 and eight smaller grants totalling over £8,700.

The four £1000 grants were awarded to:

- Avon Youth Association to help construct a stream within a sensory garden at Sidlands Day Centre in Thornbury. The garden is enjoyed by adults with physical disabilities and learning difficulties as well as the local community.
- Avonmouth Sea Cadet Unit for a boat trailer to enable the group to enjoy greater use of their boat.
- Paul's Place towards the costs of a swimming club project for disabled adults.
- The No-Way Trust to fund a crime workshop run by prison officers who give up their free time to educate youngsters about the reality of prison life.

Smaller grants were awarded to Bristol Children's Playhouse, Falfield Village Hall Fund, Kinergy, Severn Springs South West, Play Pitch Pre-School, The Dragon Club, Watercress After-School and Holiday Club and the Women's Project.

Sue Boor of The Mall said: "Many people give generously of their time and energy to keep these organisations going and do very valuable work so we are delighted to support them with these grants.

"We must also thank our customers who continue to throw money into our fountain and provide the basis for our Fund – without their generosity, we couldn't support so many worthwhile causes."

The Fund was established in March to mark The Mall's fifth birthday and is administered by the Greater Bristol Foundation. The bulk of the Fund's money comes from coins thrown by shoppers into The Mall's fountain.

There is still time to submit applications for the next meeting of the Grants Panel later this month. Application forms are available from The Mall's Information Desk or website www.mallcribbs.com.

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