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Mayor's Reception for the Community Furniture Project (CFP)

A Reception was held in the Town Hall, Newbury on Wednesday 24 th January 2007 to enable the Mayor of Newbury, Gillian Durrant, to thank everyone at the Community Furniture Project for their help towards the Mayor's Charity Concert '**Talking Rubbish**' which was held on 15 th October 2006 at the Vodafone Pavilion.

This highly successful concert, directed by Angela Turton, included performances from pupils from Castle School, Enborne, Falkland, Greenham Court, Shaw-cum-Donnington, Speenhamland, St Nicolas and Winchcombe Primary Schools and Berkshire Maestros. In addition a number of Vodafone employees and other talented people also participated and assisted.

The Community Furniture Project assisted in many ways including making and providing a large amount of stage props, as well as constructing a huge wardrobe used in the entrance of the auditorium which the audience walked through (as the children did in the Narnia books) setting the scene for the whole concert. In addition cfp members helped backstage and front of house as well as performing. When speaking to everyone present, Councillor Durrant said, "It is impossible to imagine how we could have done it without you."

The Charity Concert was in aid of the Community Furniture Project and the Mayor's Benevolent Fund and Mrs Durrant was delighted to confirm that, so far, the concert had profited to the tune of £5,800 and of that total sum, the cfp received £4,500. A cheque was presented to the cfp Director, Kelvin Hughes to the value of £5,425.00 which included £925 from the Kick fm/Donnington Grove Golf Day held during the summer the profits from which were donated to the Mayor's charities, therefore half went to the Mayor's Benevolent Fund and half to the cfp.

As a trustee of the cfp, Councillor Durrant is well aware of the good work done by the charity, which provides donated household goods at low cost to those in need, as well as provide opportunities for people to develop work and social skills and encourage environmentally beneficial activities by promoting recycling and reuse. Kelvin Hughes said that the donation would be sufficient to keep one of their vans on the road for a year, collecting donations and delivering furniture and which goods to customers.

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