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**LOCAL YOUNG CARERS GROUP WIN VARIETY CLUB SUPPORT**

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March, Ashford Young Carers received a visit from the youth charity, Kent Youth, for the hand over a cheque for £250 from the Variety Club of Great Britain. The cheque was presented by Rupert Allinson, a Trustee of Kent Youth.

Angie Hollingsworth of Ashford Young Carers said: "We would like to express our sincere thanks to both the Variety Club and Kent Youth for this valuable grant. We will be purchasing some new equipment, including art materials and board games, to use with our drop-in centres across East Kent. With over 20 centres working with between 200 and 300 young carers each week the equipment will be well used and much appreciated."

The Variety Club of Great Britain makes a number of grants throughout the year to Kent based youth groups through the umbrella charity Kent Youth. All clubs affiliated to Kent Youth are eligible to apply and anyone wanting more information about the grants or affiliation to Kent Youth should email [info@kentyouth.org](mailto:info@kentyouth.org) or visit the web site [www.kentyouth.org](http://www.kentyouth.org)

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**Notes to Editors:**

1. Kent Youth is a county-wide young people's charity. Established in 1936, it provides:
  - young people focused capacity building support and infrastructure for over 200 locally based children and young people's groups across Medway, Kent and Bexley
  - peer mentoring and peer education programmes for young people
  - targeted work to enable young disabled people to achieve inclusion in mainstream community groups
  - activeyouth sports and dance youth volunteering projects
  
2. Affiliation to Kent Youth is open to all Kent, Medway, Bromley and Bexley based youth groups, organizations and clubs and provides them with:
  - Information and advice
  - Model documents
  - Training
  - Access to funding opportunities
  - Activities programme
  - CRB checking service
  
3. Key statistics about Kent Youth:
  - 200 + affiliated youth groups
  - 18,000 children and young people
  - Approximately 1,500 adult volunteers
  
4. Photograph Attachment shows Rupert Allinson (Trustee Kent Youth) handing over the cheque with some of the young carers on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> march 2010.

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