



PRESENTATION: Headteacher Sally Phillips with Helen Somerset-How and Hillside Community First School pupils

Picture: Pat Timmons

Pupils raise charity cash

VERWOOD children are giving £350 to a centre for children with cerebral palsy.

The money was raised by Hillside Community First School's nativity play and goes to The Rainbow Centre for Conductive Education in Hampshire.

Hillside headteacher Sally Phillips said: "Our school has a long tradition of charitable giving and every year the children raise money for children's organisations and for overseas aid.

"The children are really excited to be able

to present their cheque to Helen Somerset-How from the centre.

"We are all keen to learn more about the centre's holistic approach and to celebrate their success in enabling children to become more independent."

Views sought for waterfront development

By Diana Henderson

DEVELOPERS of a major slice of Poole's regeneration are seeking local residents' ideas for their waterfront site.

The multi-million pound redevelopment of the 30-acre former power station site at Hamworthy is tied in with the building of the second lifting bridge, which will span onto the site.

Developers Gallagher Estates and property company Lands Improvement Holdings – part of Clerical Medical – have organised a community planning day at Carter Community Sports College on Saturday March 6 from 10.30am to 4.30pm.

13,000 leaflets go out to Hamworthy homes and the surrounding area with the Advertiser inviting local residents to take part and there will be a report back on the results.

"Everyone in Hamworthy and Poole is invited and we look forward to working

with the community to understand more about local aspirations for the area," said Clive Dutton, director of regeneration at Gallagher Estates.

Earmarked for mixed use, the site could provide 1,000 homes along with shops, cafes, restaurants and people will have the chance through workshops and by taking part to influence plans for Hamworthy Urban Village.

"It's a fabulous development opportunity," said Mr Dutton, "Just because of its setting within Poole Harbour. It is a catalyst for the future regeneration of the town and fundamental to the bridge."

He added: "There is extensive water frontage and the opportunity to provide for the first time,

comprehensive public access to the waterfront on that side of the channel."

Gallagher specialise in urban regeneration and are currently involved with six new communities including two new towns near Bedford and Cambridge.

"In terms of dealing with tough urban brownfield complex developments, that's our forte," he said. The company does not build houses and would find contractors to do the building work.

"A not insignificant proportion would be affordable housing," he said and they would not be considering anything as high as the 10-storey block proposed for the Pilkington site.

"If people want they to they can go out and have a look round the power station site. It is a hidden bit of Poole and there is no public access to it," he added.

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