

Gallery's learning programme and Admiral Nurse campaign receive proceeds of Honiton charity auction

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Cheque presentation from Brian Goodison-Blanks to Heather Penwarden and Graham Smith of The Admiral Nurse and Fiona Page-Turner of Thelma Hulbert Gallery with Artist Alan Cotton. Ref mhh 38 18TI 1491. Picture: Terry Ife

The proceeds from an art auction which raised more than £10,000 have been given to two worthy Honiton causes.

The Admiral Nurse campaign and Thelma Hulbert Gallery's learning programme will now benefit from £6,855.50 apiece.

The money was raised from a hugely popular art auction, held at the gallery, in June.

Several well-known names were among the 56 donors - including internationally reputed sculptor Peter Randall-Page RA and the auction patron, the renowned artist, Alan Cotton.

The sale was led by auctioneers Bearnese Hampton and Littlewood.

Heather Penwarden, chair of Honiton Dementia Action Alliance, said: "This charity art auction was an incredible example of a community working together in order to raise funds for two very worthy local causes.

"We are extremely grateful to Brian Goodison-Blanks and his team from Bearnese Hampton and Littlewood for leading the auction and to Alan

Cotton and all the artists who supported the event so generously.

“We would also like to thank all the sponsors including Combe Estate and Honiton Tesco, along with the volunteers who gave of their time to help us achieve such an outstanding result.”

Mrs Penwarden also revealed that interviews are currently taking place for Honiton’s Admiral Nurse.

She added: “We very much hope to be introducing you to our new nurse within the next few months.

“We will then of course want to keep the nurse in post so remain grateful for your continued support.”

Honiton’s Dementia Action Alliance has raised £150,000 to fund their own Admiral Nurse for Honiton, who will be provided and supported by the charity Dementia UK.

The funds raised from the auction will be key to its continued fundraising effort to keep their Admiral Nurse in place for years to come.

Honiton’s Thelma Hulbert Gallery was one of the first galleries in the county to become dementia friendly, while its award-winning learning programme benefits all the community.

The funds raised will especially help the gallery’s work with adults living with dementia and their carers, as well as young people and adults with mental health issues.