**EGGER donates £14,000 to two Hexham charities.**

**Hexham’s largest employer helps local charities maintain vital support in the community.**

Local charities, Gateway into the Community and Chrysalis Club Tynedale, have each received a £7,000 donation from EGGER Hexham.

Both charities offer people with learning disabilities and dementia the opportunity to take part in social, leisure and learning activities,and offer support to those caring for them. EGGER employees nominated and selected the charities for three years of financial support in 2019.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, both charities have faced challenges due to not being able to provide the usual services they offer and reduced funds. They have both worked hard to reinstate their support in the community, albeit in a different way.

In 2019, the chipboard manufacturer donated £3,000 to each charity so they could purchase new equipment for group sessions. Last month EGGER donated a further £7,000 offering support and reassurance to those involved with the charities.

Bob Livesey, Commercial Director of the Western Europe Division at EGGER commented, “It is more important than ever to support our local charity care groups. Over the last two years we have donated £20,000 to Gateway into the Community and Chrysalis Club Tynedale, which has helped them to maintain the fantastic support they offer to our local community.”

Helen Ord, Trustee, Chrysalis Club Tynedale said ”We are genuinely overwhelmed by the generosity of Egger and their employees. We are currently offering online and telephone support to those living with dementia, their carers and loved ones. This funding enables us to plan for the future and we are extremely grateful.”

Julia Ferguson, Chief Executive, Gateway into the Community said “We cannot thank Egger enough and are absolutely thrilled to be one of their chosen charities. The funding we are receiving is making a huge impact on the support we provide to our members within the local community.”

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