



Welcome windfall:
Representatives of the organisations with their cheques.

TONIGHT'S WOODCOTE RALLY DONATIONS

Rally raises roof with record sum

MORE than 40 community groups and charities received a Christmas boost thanks to one of the summer's showpiece annual events.

Woodcote Rally raises thousands for charity and 2010's record-breaking £20,000 almost doubled last year's tally. About 14,000 people attended the steam fair in July.

Publicity officer Andy Crockett said: "We have again concentrated our

donations to organisations close by. This brings total donations since we first started in 1964 to some £344,700."

Representatives from the groups came together on Friday night at Woodcote Village Hall to receive their cheques, while the rally's winning exhibitors also claimed their prizes.

Woodcote Charitable Association chairman Roger Temple hosted the night and Pete Solomons and Nick Bartholomew presented the cheques on behalf of rally director Martin Allwright.

The Woodcote Village

'It gets better year by year'

Green Committee received £500. Its chairman Sam Peates said: "We've always got new projects in mind and we're delighted to get this money, which we will use to resurface an area of the playground to make it safer and improve its appearance."

"Our members always try to support the rally. It's a fantastic event which gets better year by year. I've every admiration for the work the rally committee does."

Other recipients included:

- Woodcote/Stoke Row Football Club and Woodcote Cricket Club - £800 for changing room improvements

- 1st Stoke Row Scout Group - £550 for equipment
- Woodcote Village Hall - £1,000 for upkeep and modernisation

- Woodcote and Goring Medical centres - £500 for digital cameras to help medical staff assess injuries

- Thames Valley Air Ambulance - £1,000 towards the helicopter

- Wallingford Army Cadet Force - £1,500 for help managing traffic during the rally

- St John Ambulance - £1,800 for first aid cover during the rally

- Griffiths Higgs Educational Trust - £500 to support young people

For the full list of 42 organisations who benefited this year, visit www.woodcoterally.org.uk

Next year's rally will be held on July 9-10.



Cause for celebrations: Prizewinners show off their trophies.